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SINGHU BORDER LYNCHING: 3 ACCUSED IN POLICE REMAND

Three people allegedly involved in the lynching of a labourer at a farmers' protest site near the Singhu border were remanded to six days in police custody on Sunday, as the Haryana police set up two SITs to probe the incident. Narain Singh, a member of the Sikhs' Nihang order, was arrested from near Amritsar. Two more Nihangs, Govindpreet Singh and Bhagwant Singh from Fatehgarh Sahib, "surrendered".

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PETROL NOW COSTS 33% MORE THAN EVEN AVIATION FUEL

Sunday saw a 35 paise hike in per-litre price, the 16 increase in petrol cost and 19th in diesel cost since the last week of Sept

RECORD HIGH RATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

The price of petrol in Delhi rose to its highest-ever level of ₹105.84 a litre and ₹111.77 per litre in Mumbai. With this rise, petrol is now at ₹100-a-litre mark or more in all state capitals while diesel has touched the ₹100-mark in over a dozen states. The highest rate is in Ganganagar, a border town in Rajasthan, where petrol is sold at ₹117.86 a litre and diesel at ₹105.95

GLOBAL OIL PRICES AT SEVEN-YEAR HIGH

- Brent crude is trading at $84.8, up from $73.51 just a month ago. India prices fuel at rates equivalent to international prices
- "Sabka vinash, mehengaai ka vikas (destruction for all, development of rising prices)," Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said in a dig against the central government over the high fuel rates

₹79/litre

RATE AT WHICH AVIATION TURBINE FUEL IS SOLD AT AIRLINES IN DELHI

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CM may reduce petrol, diesel prices after bypolls

ARUNKUMAR HURALIMATH
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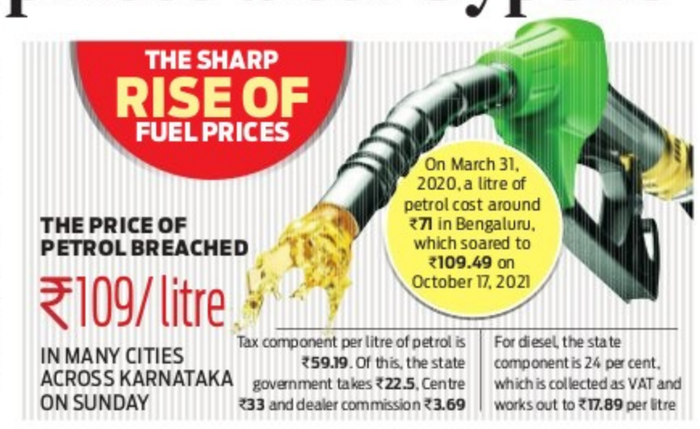
WITH petrol and diesel prices crossing the Rs 100 mark in the state, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday held out a promise to the suffering public, saying the state government will decide on reducing the fuel prices by effecting tax cuts.

However, the chief minister put a caveat, saying that any tax cut will depend on the state's economy, which he will review after the by-elections to Hanagal and Sindagi on October 30. It is a known fact that a customer pays twice the amount of crude price for petrol and diesel in the country. In different parts of Karnataka, the price of petrol has been hovering between Rs 108 and Rs 110. The tax component per litre of petrol is Rs 59.19. Of this, the state government takes Rs 22.5, the Centre Rs 33 and the dealer commission is Rs 3.69.

For diesel, the state component is 24 per cent, which is collected as Value Added Tax and works out to Rs 17.89 per litre.

Though there has been a demand to include petrol and diesel under GST to bring down the prices, the state governments have been opposing it as they will lose a large part of their revenues.

BR Ravindranath, former president of Karnataka Petroleum Dealer's Association, said in the state, over 60 lakh litres of diesel is sold per day through 5,500 outlets. Of this, 25 lakh litres are sold in Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts alone.



2 more non-locals killed, L-G vows harsh response

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

TWO more non-Kashmiri workers were shot dead in J&K on Sunday in the latest attack targeting civilians.

Terrorists entered the rented residence of the Bihari labourers — Raja Reshi Dev and Joginder Reshi Dev — in Wanpoh, Ganjipora in Kulgam on Sunday and fired indiscriminately, killing them on the spot. This raises the number of civilian fatalities to at least 12 since the month began.

J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha condemned the killings and promised a strong response, saying "We'll hunt down terrorists, their sympathisers and avenge every drop of innocent civilians blood."

After Sunday's shootings, which also left another non-local labourer injured but in stable condition, Inspector General of Police (Kashmir) Vijay Kumar purportedly issued an advisory calling on police officials to bring all non-local labourers in their respective jurisdictions to nearest police, CRPF and army establishments. However, the IGP later denied issuing the order, which went viral on social media, calling it fake.

A police official said security in and around the areas where the non-locals are staying has been increased and patrolling intensified.

Many non-locals left the Valley since October 5, when the targeted killings by militants started. As per estimates, about 50,000 migrant labourers are living in Kashmir.

Meanwhile, the Army is continuing its search for a group of militants hiding in the forest area of Poonch district. **P10**

Security personnel at an encounter site in Poonch district on Sunday | PTI

There are no words strong enough to condemn the repeated barbaric attacks on innocent civilians. My heart goes out to their families

Mehbooba Mufti, PDP chief

9 CHILDREN AMONG 25 KILLED IN KERALA RAINS

Army, NDRF and Defence Security Corps teams deployed for rescue and relief

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WHILE heavy rain that had been pounding central and south Kerala over the past few days abated on Sunday, the toll in rain-related incidents rose to 25, including nine children. With the Met department predicted further rains from Wednesday, the situation continues to remain grim.

There were 13 fatalities in Kottayam district alone, 12 of whom died in Koottikkal. While 10 people lost their lives in a landslide, three others were swept away by the floodwaters in two different places.

In Idukki, six persons died in the Kokkayar landslide, while a child remains missing. Two persons had died after a car was swept away in Thodupuzha on Saturday, while two others lost their lives to separate incidents in the district.

On Sunday, a one-and-a-half-year-old boy drowned in Kozhikode while a 23-year-old man died in Thiruvananthapuram after he fell into a check dam at Nellikkunnu near Vithura. The bodies of all 10 people trapped in the landslide at Koottikkal have been recovered. Six bodies were recovered from the Kokkayar landslide site in Idukki. The weather bulletin issued by the India Meteorological Department said a fresh spell of rain is likely from Wednesday, with isolated heavy rain expected to continue for the subsequent three to four days.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and discussed the situation.

"Spoke to Kerala CM Shri @vijayanpinarayi and discussed the situation in the wake of heavy rains and landslides in Kerala," Modi tweeted.

Around six teams of the National Disaster Response Force are already working in six districts. On Sunday, five additional teams were deployed.

Two Army teams have been deployed in Thiruvananthapuram and Kottayam while two teams of the Defense Security Corps are working in Kozhikode and Wayanad. A team of the Engineers Task Force from Bengaluru has reached Koottikkal.

Those trapped at Mallappally in Pathanamthitta were rescued by the police and the fire force personnel. A Navy chopper was deployed at Koottikkal and Kokkayar to distribute relief materials, including food and water. **P7**

The debris of a two-storey house that collapsed following heavy rains and landslips, along the Pullakayar at Koottikkal Chappath in Kottayam district on Sunday | VISHNU PRATHAP

RED ALERT

A red alert has been sounded around a dozen dams including Kakki, Sholayar and Poringalkuthu

4,713

people housed in 156 relief camps after water level rose in rivers in low-lying areas

EXPRESS READ

Jaishankar arrives in Israel to hold high-level talks

Tel Aviv: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday said that he is looking forward to a 'great visit' as he arrived here on a five-day official trip during which he will hold talks with the country's top leadership to mutually prepare a roadmap for further enriching the strategic ties. 'Shalom Israel! Arrived on my first visit as External Affairs Minister. Looking forward to a great visit,' he tweeted.

Dhoni joins India squad for T20 World Cup campaign

Dubai: The iconic Mahendra Singh Dhoni on Sunday joined the Indian camp as its mentor for the T20 World Cup, two days after leading Chennai Super Kings to their fourth IPL title here. Dhoni was appointed in the new role last month. Dhoni, regarded as one of India's best-ever captains, led CSK to its fourth IPL title, beating Kolkata Knight Riders by 27 runs in the final on Friday night.

IT raid on Cong campaign firm finds ₹7 cr

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE Income Tax Department last week searched two groups engaged in digital marketing and waste management in several cities, including Bengaluru, and unearthed unaccounted investments of Rs 7 crore and bogus expenses of around Rs 70 crore.

Though tax officials remained tight-lipped about the searches, informed sources said that a campaign management and image consultancy firm – 'DesignBoxed,' which was "in the process being officially hired" by Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president DK Shivakumar for political and social campaigns – was searched for alleged tax violations at its various locations and premises at its headquarters in Surat and branch offices in Bengaluru, Chandigarh and Mohali.

According to the Ministry of Finance, during the searches, the tax officials found "incriminating evidence that revealed that the group had been engaged in obtaining accommodation entries using an entry operator. The entry operator has admitted to have facilitated the transfer of cash and unaccounted income of the group through hawala operators".

"The tax officials detected inflation of expenditure and under-reporting of revenue. The group has also been found to be indulging in unaccounted cash payments. It is found that personal expenses of the directors have been booked as business expenses in the books of accounts. Luxurious vehicles used by the directors and their family members are found to have been purchased in the names of employees and entry providers," the ministry added.

'DesignBoxed' is said to be the largest political campaign firm and has covered six states for Assembly elections for Congress in Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Assam.

"Karnataka is the seventh state that the firm is signing up to run the party's political campaign," said sources. **P6**

PRIYANKA

FACE OF CONG CAMPAIGN

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will be the face of the Congress' election campaign in Uttar Pradesh, the party's newly-appointed campaign committee chief P L Punia said on Sunday, asserting that the AICC general secretary is the most popular political figure in the state at present. **P9**

NATIONWIDE	OCT 16	OCT 17
Fresh cases	15,981	14,146
Recoveries	17,861	19,788
Deaths	166	144

KARNATAKA	OCT 16	OCT 17
Fresh cases	264	326
Recoveries	421	380
Deaths	6	4

FESTIVE LIGHTS

The KRS dam illuminated in lights depicting the Tricolour on Sunday. The authorities have decided to extend the period of illumination in Mysuru city, where the Dasara festivities concluded on Friday | UDAYSHANKAR S

4 die as goods carrier collides with pvt bus

ENS @ Tumakuru

FOUR people, including a woman and her son, were killed on the spot, while two others were injured in a ghastly accident that occurred at Siddhartha Nagar near here on the Bengaluru-Honnavara National Highway-206.

A Bengaluru-bound private bus from Shivamogga collided head-on with a goods carrier laden with vegetables and flowers at 5.30 am. So intense was the crash that bodies of the victims were found stuck inside the vehicle, which required Fire Department personnel to extricate them.

All the deceased are from the goods carrier and have been identified as Kavitha (41) and her son Darshan (22) of Chikkanayakanahalli, Diwakar (36) of Byadarahalli village and Krishnamurthy (45) of Turuvekere taluk. They were all farmers and vegetable vendors returning home after finishing their early morning business at the market here. Sources said that vegetable vendors Diwakar and Krishnamurthy had missed their bus and had taken the ill-fated goods carrier.

Two of the injured, including the bus driver, were shifted to hospital. The police suspected that the cause of the accident is low visibility due to fog, which hampered driving conditions on the road. "Overspeeding cannot be ruled out," said SP Rahul Kumar Shahapurwad.

The bus involved in the accident being towed away | EXPRESS

GOA STAKES CLAIM OVER 12 ISLANDS CLOSE TO KARWAR

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @ Karwar

EVEN as China has staked claim to Senkaku islands much to Japan's annoyance, escalating the strategic manuoeuvres, closer home, Goa has appealed to the Union Government seeking possession of 12 islands that are closer to Karwar and within the jurisdiction of Karnataka.

The Union home ministry forwarded Goa's demand to the Karnataka government, following which the Inspector General of Police, Internal Security, sent a letter, dated September 21, 2021, a copy of which is available with *The New Indian Express*, to the Uttara Kannada district administration seeking details as to which taluks these islands belong to.

Goa has staked claim over Anjidiva, now in possession of the Indian Navy, Kurmagad, Devgad -- which has a lighthouse, Shimsigudda and other islands. Apart from these major islands, it also wants possession of a few minor islands like Sese Gunji, Janigudda and Madali Gadda.

These islands are within 12 to 15 nautical miles of Karnataka coast and fall legally within the limits of the state. But surprisingly, no effort has been made to document them within the state's boundary.

Karwar Deputy Commissioner Mullai Muhilan has sent the details pertaining to the islands by marking their latitude and longitude.

"The Union Home department has sought details pertaining to these islands. Goa has claimed some islands. We have replied to their demands. Let's see what action the Union Government will take," he said.

After the liberation of Goa from the Portuguese in 1961, the islands that were under its jurisdiction were not transferred to Karnataka, and have remained still as part of Goa. Taking advantage of the anomaly, the neighbouring state is now demanding that the islands be handed over to it immediately. **P7**

INVEST IN K'TAKA

STATE MAKES STRONG PITCH AT DUBAI EXPO

Highlighting Karnataka's "dominant position" in the Aerospace and Defence sectors, the state government on Sunday made a strong pitch for more foreign investments in these areas, at the Dubai Expo 2020. Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani pointed out that the state has great potential in various sectors | **P4**

ALMANAC TODAY
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Sunrise 6.10 am
Sunset 5.59 pm
Moonrise 4.44 pm
Moonset 4.11 am

DUBAI EXPO

Nirani, Ashwath focus on aerospace

Make strong pitch to attract foreign investment into Karnataka across sectors

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Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan with delegates at Dubai Expo 2020 on Sunday

KARNATAKA on Sunday made a strong pitch for foreign investments in the aerospace and defence sectors, at Dubai Expo 2020. Delivering a keynote address during the session on 'Opportunities in Aerospace, Defence and Space Sector of Karnataka', Large and Medium Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani pointed out that the state has great potential in these sectors.

A release from the minister's office said that Nirani had explained that Karnataka, apart from being India's largest Aerospace cluster, is also the second largest producer of heavy electrical machinery. Bengaluru alone produces around 60 per cent of machine tools in India, and Karnataka is the second largest chip design hub. "We have set up a Centre of Excellence in partnership with Dassault Systems to provide industry-ready manpower," he said.

Highlighting thriving small scale industries, many of which are auxiliary to the Aerospace and Defence sectors, the minister said the state has a strong base of around 2,000 SMEs that carry out niche subcontracting work, facilitate expansion and attract global players to set up base.

The minister held a Business to Government (B2G) meeting with a delegation from United Parcel Service (UPS), one of the world's largest package delivery companies, and held talks with Dawood Al Shezawi, President, Annual Investment Meeting (AIM), an initiative of the UAE Ministry of Economy. B2G meetings were also held with Lulu Group, Export Bahrain delegation and Taghleef Industries, a global manufacturer of BoPP films.

B'luru Design District

Minister for IT/BT and S&T Dr CN Ashwath Narayan, who highlighted the presence of Indian, especially Bengaluru-based, startups and tech majors in the UAE, said that logistics to infrastructure, oil-and-gas to environment, and waste management to healthcare, are sectors where their presence is felt strongly in the UAE. Keeping in mind the proposed 'Banglore Design District', Narayan along with C N Meena Nagaraj, Director of IT, Arun, Director, Digital ISDC, Ivan A Fernandes, Managing Director, Regent Technologies, Sathar Al Karan, founder of ArtUAE, visited Dubai Design District and Al Serkal Avenue, Dubai, to explore the design, art and technology ecosystem, and establish the same in Bengaluru.

Dubai Design District (D3), established in 2013, is a space where the world of design, art and fashion co-exist. Taking inspiration from D3, Karnataka plans to set up a design district on 100-150 acres in Bengaluru. The government also wants to organize 'Bangaluru Design Festival'.

Buildings collapsing due to poor construction: Experts

CHETANA BELAGERE AND IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

IT'S been two years but residents of Hutchins Road still dread every loud sound they hear, and news of any building collapse in the city. They are still haunted by memories of the collapse of two apartment buildings in July 2019 in which five people were killed.

With continuous rain in the city, there are reports of buildings collapsing and tilting, and residents of several buildings are having sleepless nights. In Bengaluru, as per a fresh BBMP survey, as many as 404 buildings are structurally weak.

"I saw people dying in front of me. It was around 1.30 am. I still remember that loud sound and how the floor shook. Officials need to take this seriously before history repeats," says Rajesh Nath (name changed) who once lived in Sai Adi Ambal apartment which collapsed in July 2019.

In less than a month, there has been a series of incidents of building tilting or collapsing in Bengaluru. However, BBMP has managed to demolish only 10 such buildings. East, South and West zones are said to have more than 90 structures in bad shape.

Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said, "Apart from the 2019 survey, another 300 plus building have been identified and follow-up is being done. The eight zonal officers and 27 divisional officers have been asked to check and reach out to the owners and residents of the building."

He further added, "Immediate action will be taken to demolish such structures. The sudden collapse has happened due to continuous rain and improper foundation of these buildings."

Sadly, every time such an incident occurs, authorities activate a familiar drill: an inquiry is announced, blame is passed, and the matter is forgotten even before the debris is cleared.

"Widespread misuse of building bye-laws, designated floor area ratio (FAR) and unauthorised additions have resulted in larger buildings, modified over time, resulting in unsafe conditions," experts noted that builders, site owners don't seek inputs on surveys, soil investigations and geotechnical parameters. They added that it is very important to determine the soil strength in the site area before commencing planning and construction.

V Ravichandar, a Bengaluru-based urban infrastructure expert, said, "Many foundations are not designed to take the kind of overbuilding that is done, one floor over the other. Many of the buildings are built on low-lying areas. The foundation structural characteristics need to be taken care of."

SIX INCIDENTS OF BUILDING COLLAPSE, TILTS IN LESS THAN A MONTH

SEPTEMBER 27: Three storey building collapsed in Lakksandra rented out to Namma metro workers

SEPTEMBER 28 : Three story structure caved in located on the Karnataka Milk Federatio premises near Dairy Circle.

OCTOBER 7 : Five-storey residential apartment complex collapsed in Kasturi Nagar

OCTOBER 12: Four storey residential building tilted in Kamala Nagar

OCTOBER 13: Side of a wall of a house in Nagarathpet collapsed.

OCTOBER 16 : Seven storey apartment, build for police personnel in Magadi road area tilted to one side.

FEW POINTERS:

Reasons for the building collapse

Faulty construction of buildings is one of the important reasons for the building collapse.

Misuse of building by-laws

Civic body not ensuring safety standards by keeping a tab on building once in 10 years.

No soil testing done before construction starts.

A building collapsing in Kamalanagar | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Mask on, but no helmet results in head injury cases

> **Though we have not done a proper study on the number of such patients, we have seen many without a helmet, but with a mask ending up with head injuries.**
>
> Dr Dhaval Shukla, professor of Department of Neurosurgery, NIMHANS

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

WHILE it is essential to wear a mask in these times of the Covid pandemic, many two-wheeler riders prefer to wear masks but not helmets while riding their bikes, resulting in a maximum number of head injuries.

Overspeeding and alcohol consumption remain the two main reasons for road accidents resulting in minor and severe head injuries. The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), however, has observed that the patients were wearing masks, but not helmets at the time of accident.

Dr Dhaval Shukla, professor of Department of Neurosurgery, NIMHANS, said, "Two-wheeler riders can wear a full-face helmet, which also acts as a mask. Though we have not done a proper study on the number of such patients, we have seen many without a helmet, but with a mask ending up with head injuries. One should understand that accidents can be prevented."

The common reason given by bikers is that they cannot wear the helmet and mask together as it is suffocating, while others said that they are fined for not wearing a mask and not the helmet.

At Aster RV Hospital, 184 cases of head injury were reported between January and September 2021. Dr Mohammed Imran Soherwardi, Consultant – Emergency Medicine, Aster RV Hospital, said that they have seen a slight increase in cases after the second lockdown was lifted. "Increased number of head injuries could be due to fogging of spectacles or helmets of riders while wearing the mask."

Members of Rani Channamma Pade conduct an awareness programme for women.

'RANI CHANNAMMA PADE TO KEEP WOMEN, KIDS SAFE

ENS @ Belagavi

THE Bengaluru City Police have formed a special wing of women police officers to keep tab on crimes against women and children and spread awareness among them. Christened 'Rani Channamma Pade', this elite grouping is the brainchild of DCP (South-East Division), Bengaluru City Police, Shrinath Mahadev Joshi.

Carrying the theme -- "By Women, For Women, Of Women" -- the Rani Channamma Pade comprises a team of 31 specially-trained women police officers, who are also tasked with making women more self-reliant and independent in the uncertain times of today.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, DCP Joshi, a native of Belagavi, said, "The objectives of the special team is to educate and train women in basic self-defence techniques, besides creating awareness about women and child-related laws -- such as those pertaining to 'Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, and Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Awareness about social media and cybercrime is also being shared. Sensitising the public about the treatment of women and children is also part of the plan."

The wing is also coordinating with the Women's Commission, the Women and Child Welfare Department, NGOs, and other entities.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

18th October : Mercury, planet of bright ideas, is still in a sober, serious zone. It follows that the dominant style in all communications should be conservative and traditional and that raw passion and wild behaviour must be put on one side for a few days. That's the theory, at any rate!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
As long as the Sun is so helpfully placed, you are being encouraged to be lively and independent. Over the next two weeks, one of your goals should therefore be to widen your social circle. There's no need to be discriminating at this stage - make friends with anyone and everyone.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
If anything, the build-up of planets in philosophical regions of your chart has intensified, making it more necessary than ever that you continue to take a stand on your principles. Why not set an example to people who are lacking your wisdom and foresight?

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Mercury, your ruling planet, is combining poetic beauty with a truly profound sense of practical possibilities. You can express whatever you want to say in the way you want to say it. It all looks pretty nostalgic as well! Just about right for the perfect day. Don't spoil it.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The odds certainly seem to be stacked against you this week, but I am confident that after recent experiences you can cope with just about anything. If you still see yourself as a soft little Cancer, stop it now. There are few people as tough as you when roused.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The Moon's current position in your chart is something of a special event. This simple fact means that you have every chance to implement whatever major improvements in your life have been brewing over the past year. But, and this is a big 'but', you must obtain partners' support.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Influences over your creative fifth house bring us back to a theme which has been raising its head time after time over the past two years - the need to feel that you are doing something meaningful with your life, not just drifting along with the herd.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
If you're one of those Librans who is absolutely happy with where you're living, you're in a tiny minority. Most of you, even those who have moved home recently, are still in a state of domestic uncertainty. That's a sign that there could be further improvements to come.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There's something delightful about your serious-minded determination to ferret out the truth. Now that you're finding it easier to say what's on your mind, other people will at last have the chance to benefit from your wonderfully profound fund of wisdom.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The entire week is overshadowed by the emphatic and unambiguous relationship between the Sun and the Moon - in a profoundly positive sense. This will be entirely in your favour, and will encourage you to take whatever steps are necessary to better yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You're still in the middle of a period of personal revolution that at times mirrors the dramatic changes on the global scene. Only another Capricorn will truly understand your dilemma. And only another Capricorn can understand how you need to re-arrange your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
If you know what's good for you, you'll devote a great deal of attention to making sure that loved ones and colleagues are perfectly happy with your behaviour. You may lavish presents and attention on those whose favour you are seeking. You might get exactly the desired reaction!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Your social activities are becoming both broader and deeper. Some of you may rue the day you took on certain group commitments, but you have little option but to press on and fulfil your duties. Actually, you rather like it when you don't have any choice about what to do!

THE PHANTOM

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Easy: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

2	3			1				7
	6	5		3	7			
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Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

8	6	3	1	5	7	9	4	2
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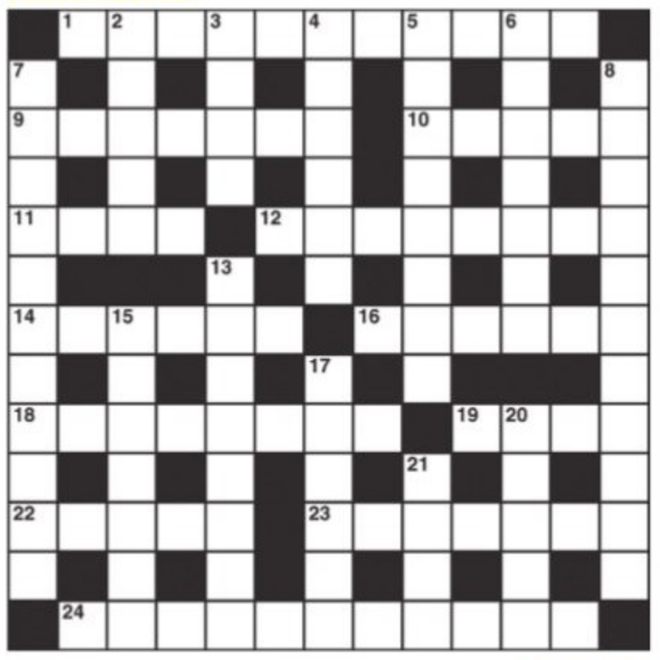
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Unsteadiness shown when sick in summer break (11)
9 King's daughter in a new production of Lear etc. (7)
10 Something lifted from a carol at Christmas (5)
11 Sort of brake on the turntable? (4)
12 Evidently a painter of note (8)
14 He refuses to eat more quickly (6)
16 Vessel to put to sea (6)
18 A lovely girl in red rose (8)
19 Competent sort of seaman (4)
22 Force one to find a new occupation (5)
23 Representative from the clay pit (7)
24 A band, bond or bind (7,4)

DOWN

2 Declares a piece of poetry lacks point (5)
3 Jot a letter abroad (4)
4 Heartily dislike a hotel under reconstruction (6)
5 A charming thing to wear (8)
6 A bird in doubt - to fly or to land? (7)
7 On the verge of retirement? (5,3,3)
8 They ring for service (6,5)
13 Humiliated and looking dejected indeed (8)
15 It's heavenly under a tree (7)
17 Having failed to win is punished (6)
20 Meat company included in the ban (5)
21 Fight probably rigged (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Reels, 4 Scratch, 8 Act, 9 Fair fight, 10 Hansard, 11 Notes, 13 Driver, 15 Brewed, 18 Panda, 19 Sidecar, 21 Stripling, 23 Ion, 24 Everest, 25 Spree.

Down: 1 Reached, 2 Extension, 3 Sofia, 4 Shindy, 5 Refiner, 6 Tag, 7 Hates, 12 Town crier, 14 Example, 16 Derange, 17 Assist, 18 Posse, 20 Degas, 22 Rye.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LIUTG

SOARE

NKLEEN

MYSHIW

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S **Jumbles:**
METAL OCCUR CAMERA WILLOW
ANSWER: They visited Death Valley National Park in August and got a – WARM WELCOME

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A 16-year-old girl from Gadag succumbed to dengue on Sunday. The girl was admitted to a private hospital at Lakshmeshwar after she complained of high fever. Later, she was shifted to Sri Dharmasthala Manjunath Hospital in Dharwad on October 14. However, she died after not responding to treatment

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

326 CASES REPORTED TODAY

DAILY CASES AT A GLANCE

TODAY	29,83,459
YESTERDAY	29,83,133

264 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

DEATHS

TODAY	YESTERDAY
4	6

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until October 13, 2021, a total of 2983459 cases have been reported in 1 year and 222 days...

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
380	421

Active cases

TODAY	9,450
YESTERDAY	9,508

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	6.03%
YESTERDAY	6.04%

The day positivity rate - **0.41%** is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of **100 tests** conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.27%
YESTERDAY	1.27%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	98.41%
YESTERDAY	98.4%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

173 BENGALURU URBAN	5 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot	0
Ballari	1
Belagavi	4
Bidar	0
Chamarajanagar	1
Chikkaballapur	1
Chikkamagaluru	3
Chitradurga	1
Dakshina Kannada	22
Davanagere	0
Dharwad	4
Gadag	0
Hassan	12
Haveri	0
Kalaburagi	1
Kodagu	8
Kolar	5
Koppal	0
Mandya	4
Mysuru	42
Raichur	1
Ramanagara	0
Shivamogga	5
Tumakuru	17
Udupi	12
Uttara Kannada	4
Vijayapura	0
Yadgir	0
TOTAL	326

'JAN AUSHADI KENDRAS SELL DRUGS WITHOUT IN-STORE PHARMACIST'

Vendors substitute Schedule H drugs which require prescription from docs, says forum

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Registered Pharmacists' Organisation has alleged that government-run Jan Aushadhi Kendras are selling drugs in the absence of registered pharmacists.

The organisation has sent documents highlighting various issues, suggestions and amendments to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya and other Union ministers.

Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been opened to sell generic medicines at affordable prices under the Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana.

"Though the presence of a registered pharmacist is essential to sell drugs, in most of the Jan Aushadhi Kendras, drugs are sold in the absence of a registered pharmacist. The reason for this major lapse is that licences are being granted to non-pharmacists, who appoint any layman," said Ashokswamy Heroor, president of the organisation.

> Though a registered pharmacist is essential, in most of the Jan Aushadhi Kendras, drugs are sold in the absence of one
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> Ashokswamy Heroor, president, Karnataka State Registered Pharmacists' Organisation

The second major concern, according to them, is that these shops are allowed to substitute Schedule H drugs, whereas other medical shops are strictly banned from doing so. Schedule H drugs are those which can be purchased only with a prescription from a doctor. The letter also drew attention to tin sheds being given licence to operate as medical shops. Drugs have to be maintained at certain temperatures to ensure quality during manufacturing and storage, it said.

"There are some drugs that need to be kept at 8 degrees Celsius and others at 10-25 degrees Celsius. When temperature rises above this limit, the quality of the medicine deteriorates. In tin sheds, drugs are stored in oven-like temperatures," Heroor added.

One of the letters spoke about overuse of antibiotics, indiscriminate use of injections, polypharmacy, excessive use of drug anabolic steroid for growth, tonics, multivitamins for malnutrition, etc. The overuse and misuse of antibiotics can cause drug resistance, adverse reaction, super infection apart from economic burden on the patient, he said.

Stating that many manufactures have been resorting to unfair practices to promote drugs, the organisation sought a ban on offering of expensive gifts, huge quantity of physician samples and arranging of foreign tours to prescribers and doctors.

The organisation also sought a price control on non-scheduled generic drugs "to prevent the ongoing daylight robbery of poor patients". These drugs are those given without prescription.

TO CHECK VIRUS

Both jabs mandatory to enter malls, theatres in DK

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DAKSHINA Kannada Deputy Commissioner Dr Rajendra KV has made both the doses of Covid-19 vaccine mandatory for people to enter malls, theatres, auditoriums in the coastal district.

In the order, the Deputy Commissioner has said that theatres, multiplexes and auditoriums have been allowed to operate with 100 per cent capacity from October 14 as Case Positivity Rate (CPR) has come down to 0.46%. "Hence, all those visiting such places must have taken both dose of vaccines. Elderly persons and pregnant women are not allowed," Rajendra added.

Meanwhile, Mangaluru City Corporation has been witnessing a decrease in fresh Covid-19 positive cases in its limits. However, there are concerns that cases could again shoot up owing to the festive season.

"To restrict any surge in cases and the possible third wave, strict preventive measures are being enforced under Mangaluru City Corporation limits. Citizens who are yet to receive first and second dose of vaccines are being identified for vaccination. Strict action will be taken against those who are found at public places (including malls) without any proof of receiving the Covid-19 vaccine," Mangaluru City Corporation Commissioner Akshy Shridhar has warned.

Meanwhile, Dakshina Kannada district on Sunday reported 22 fresh Covid-19 cases, and neihgbouring Udupi saw 12 cases.

Small spike in Mysuru positivity rate, Dasara festivities could be reason

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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ON October 14, all districts in Karnataka reported less than 1 per cent test positivity rate, however, the State War Room data for October 16 showed Mysuru district recording 1.13 per cent positivity rate, while the other districts were still reporting less than 1 per cent.

Not surprising, as the biggest contributor to this spike could be the 10-day Dasara festivities, with a number of tourists from across India and the world coming down to Mysuru.

Going by calculations of the past seven days, data shows that Mysuru district has shown an increase from 0.82 per cent on October 14 to 1.13 per cent just two days later. After Bengaluru Urban, Mysuru is the second district in the state reporting a high number of cases in the past few days. In the past week, the district reported 252 new cases.

Meanwhile, the number of tests in the state has been falling drastically, going below 1 lakh. For instance, only 60,141 tests were carried out on October 16, while 78,742 tests were done on Sunday. Many of the districts are reporting low testing, even below the target set.

Karnataka also reported a slight increase in cases, with 326 cases on Sunday, up from 264 cases on Saturday. Bengaluru Urban contributed 173 cases, while Mysuru reported 42 cases. The number of active cases is 6,817.

The total positive cases stands at 29,83,459. The number of discharges has fallen to 380 and the total number of discharges is 29,36,039.

However, on the brighter side, only 4 Covid deaths were reported on Sunday -- one each from Bengaluru Urban and Dharwad, and two from Mysuru. The case fatality rate of the state is 1.22 per cent.

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K'TAKA SEES 4 DEATHS

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LONG WAIT

A health worker waits for passengers to take their swab samples at the Kempegowda Bus Station in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHRIRAM BN

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Bank of Maharashtra, Zonal Office, No.15, Police Station Road, Basavangudi, Bengaluru 560004 invites application for Empanelment of Contractors (Furniture / Civil & Repairs / Electrical / LAN / Air Conditioners/ Glow Sign board) and Consultants (Architects).
All other details including application form are available on our web site: www.bankofmaharashtra.in/tenders. Application Forms can be downloaded from Bank of Maharashtra website from **18/10/2021**. Bank reserves the right to reject any/all applications without assigning any reason whatsoever. Last date of submission of application form is **02.11.2021 by 5.00 p.m.** Applications without requisite fees or applications which are incomplete/unsigned will not be accepted.
Date : 18.10.2021 — **Zonal Manager, Bengaluru Zone**

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the UCO BANK, KET Building, Mysore Road, Kengeri, Bengaluru – 560 060, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **17.07.2021** calling upon the borrower, 1. **Sri Govindaraju M, S/o Mugguvenkanna and 2. Smt Latha P, W/o Sri Govindaraju M** residing at No 34 ,1st Main Road, 8th A Cross, Hoysala Circle, K S Town, Bangalore 560060 and : **Mr.Rohith (Guarantor)** having permananent address at No.90, Hosadoddi, Manchanayakanahalli, Ramanagar -562109 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.29,83,890.99 (Twenty Nine Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and Ninety Nine paise only)** as on 31.05.2021 and you are also liable to interest from 01-06-2021and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rule on this **16th day of October 2021.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the UCO BANK, for an amount of **Rs 29,83,890.99 (Twenty Nine Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and Ninety Nine paise only)** as on 31.05.2021 and you are also liable to interest from 01-06-2021 plus legal expenses, cost and other charges thereon.

The borrower's attention in invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY.

All that piece and parcel of Eastern portion of property No 34 LIG, old Khata No 2235, Present BBMP Khata No 2249/34/2235, situated at KHB Colony, Kengeri Satellite Town, 2nd stage, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore 560060 measuring 540 sq ft and bounded on the **East by** : House No 33, **West by** : Western portion of the same property belonging to Smt. Shobha Lakshma Kumar, **North by** : Road, **South by** : Conservancy;

Date : 16.10.2021 — **Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore — **UCO BANK**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that our clients' **Sri.Adarsh Umesh Hegde** S/o.Late Umesh Hegde, **Smt.Kavyashree.K**, W/o. Adarsh Umesh Hegde and **Meghana Hegde**, D/o.Late Umesh Hegde have intended to purchase the Schedule Property from its Vendors **Sri.Sandeep Kamanth and Parvathi Shenoy** for valuable consideration.
Any person/s claiming an interest in the said property or any part thereof by way of Sale, Gift, Lease, Inheritance, Exchange, Mortgage, Charge, Lien, Trust, Possession, Easement, Attachment or Otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at his office within **07 days** from the date of Public Notice, failing which said sale will be completed, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE I PROPERTY

All THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of immovable property bearing BBMP Khatha No. 3/51, situated at Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk (formed out of residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.51, situated at Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk) Now coming within the jurisdiction of BBMP, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore totally measuring 9.100sq.ft together with the existing building constructed thereon and bounded on the .
East by : Road .
West by : Sy.No. 70/8.
North by : Remaining part of Sy.N.51.
South by : Property of Krishnappa .

SCHEDULE II PROPERTY

352 sq.ft undivided share, right, title and interest in Schedule I Property measuring about 9,100sq.ft in and undivided share has been agreed to be sold to the PURCHASERS by the VENDORS under this agreement.

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Residential apartment bearing No.F-03 in first floor measuring about 1166 Sq.Ft of super built 0up area consisting of 2 bed rooms with RCC roofing, vitrified /ceramic flooring including proportionate share in common area such as passage, lobbies, staircase contained in the residential apartment complex known as "Alcons ruby" constructed on the schedule I property with one covered car parking space exclusively earmarked for the sole use and enjoyment of the purchasers inclusive of the proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies lift, stair-case and other areas of common use and bounded on :
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West by : Flat No.F-04,
North by : Corridor then Flat No.F-06,
South by : Open to Sky,

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Housing Finance Limited (SHFL) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **12th day of October, 2021.**
The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of Shriram Housing Finance Ltd. for an amount as mentioned herein below with interest thereon.

Borrower Name and address	Amount due as per Demand Notice	Description of Property
Mr. C. Murugaiyyan No.276/6, 6th Main, 10th Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, Bangalore North, Vimanapura, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560017 **Also at:-** **Mr. C. Murugaiyyan STCS Logistics Pvt Ltd, No. 103, K H Road, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560027** **Mrs. M. Vanitha No.276/6, 6th Main, 10th Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, Bangalore North, Vimanapura, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560017**	Rs. 16,94,169/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Nine Only) in respect of Loan Account No. SLPHCOIM00002 91 as on 12.07.2021	In Salem District, Salem West RD, Sooramangalam SRO, Salem Taluk, Narasothipatty Village, S.No. 15/17 punjai hectare 0.02.5 kist 0.20, S.No. 15/16 punjai hectare 0.03.0 kist 0.25 and S.No. 15/18 punjai hectare 0.13.5 kist 1.05 in this for an extent of 1518 Square feet of land, RCC building Door No.210 and all other easement rights is situated within the boundaries of, South of – 23 feet east west layout road East of – S.No. 15/17 well portion West of – Govindammal property North of – Chinnannan and Pappammal property East west north side 31 feet, East west south side 26 ¼ feet North south east side 53 feet, North south west side 53 ½ feet, Measuring of 1518 Square feet Totally measuring of 1518 Square feet. Above property situated at " Mugil Nagar"

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Place: Salem / Bangalore — Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date : 18.10.2021 — Shriram Housing Finance Limited

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• Four-Year B. A. (Hons)
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Sub : Admission Notification for B.A. (Hons) and B.Sc (Hons), under NEP for the academic year 2021-22.
Ref : Approval of the Vice-Chancellor: Dated: 16-10-2021

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STRAWS IN THE WIND

PM Modi dominates poll soundscape

Modi mania is alive and well, it appears. Loud slogans of "Modi, Modi! Vote for BJP!" have been the mainstay of all BJP election campaigns, and Hanagal was no exception. The sloganeering was disturbingly high-pitched when CM Basavaraj Bommai, Union minister Pralhad Joshi and other leaders were at the mic. A technical glitch brought down the volume of the loudspeaker, and Joshi's speech was inaudible, but the slogans continued. Even after the loudspeaker was fixed, the cheerleaders did not give up, disturbing the function. Finally, Joshi was forced to stop his speech for a few seconds, and ask the supporters to pipe down. The police, too, checked the enthusiastic crowd, and the decibel level dropped to a more comfortable level.

Like father, like son: Abhi in Ambi's shoes

Late Kannada actor-politician Ambareesh and wife Sumalatha are hugely popular as actors and politicians. Can sonny be far behind? Abhishek, whose first outing 'Amar' gave him a feel of star power, is preparing to test the political waters of Maddur. He recently threw a gala badoota (non-vegetarian feast) for the local folk, but it being a Monday, some were hesitant due to religious sentiments. Abhi, not one to remain quiet, recalled an anecdote of late dad Ambareesh. After the success of the Kannada movie 'Oda Huttidavaru', Ambi had organised an elaborate party, where matinee idol Dr Rajukumar was the guest. Annavru refused to have non-vegetarian food as it was a Thursday. A depressed Ambareesh wanted to dump the food, and declared, "If Annavru is not eating, how can we eat? Let us throw it and have a normal meal..." A shocked Annavru said he preferred to have meat, rather than waste food, and the meal ended happily. Abhishek, too, reportedly convinced the folk of Maddur to partake of the feast. Are we surprised?

HDK finds himself at the troll end

Recently, former CM HD Kumaraswamy posted a photo of himself serving 'prasada' at a temple during Dasara, captioning it, "Let Goddess Chamundeshwari bless all". Kumaraswamy, in white shirt and panche, was serving a scoop of prasada, and his fans were recording it. While some appreciated his humility, others trolled him, saying the JDS was an opportunistic party, which served those who helped it come to power. Some advised him to provide amenities, instead of such pictures. One even said "we will have prasada, but vote for BJP".

Siddu-Sonia tete-e-tete percolates to Tiffany's

When opposition leader Siddaramaiah called upon AICC President Sonia Gandhi a couple of weeks ago, the grapevine started buzzing. Then came an IT raid on former CM B S Yediyurappa's aide Umesh, which former CM H D Kumaraswamy linked to the Siddu-Sonia meeting. "Before meeting Sonia, Siddaramaiah had met Yediyurappa. Hence, the IT raid," Kumaraswamy claimed. Both parties decried it as a capital lie, but the buzz continued. It was said that Siddaramaiah and Yediyurappa had discussed forging a coalition after the latter severed ties with BJP, and agreed on 50 seats for the breakaway faction. Former minister N Cheluvarayaswamy brewed his own version over vadas and coffee at his regular 'adda' Tiffany's in Maddur. "Sonia ma'am talked about sharing the CM gaddi 50-50 between Siddaramaiah and D K Shivakumar if Congress comes to power," he told his supporters.

Candidates put their best foot forward

While many see bypolls as semi-final before 2023 face-off, a lot is at stake for contestants of the Big 3

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

THERE is much at stake for the three political parties in the October 30 bypolls to Hanagal and Sindagi. Besides the image of the parties and big leaders, it will also have a bearing on the choice of candidates in Hanagal and Sindagi Assembly constituencies.

For the candidates too, much is at stake. They could become their parties' lucky mascots in the run up to the 2023 assembly polls in Karnataka, and carve a career for themselves.

In Hanagal, BJP's Shivaraj Sajjanar is a veteran leader and was on good terms with both former minister late C M Udasi's family and former chief minister B S Yediyurappa. The party picking him to represent a constituency that falls in Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's home district Haveri, should come as a shot in the arm for him.

Sitting Congress MLC Srinivasa Mane was runner-up in the 2018 assembly polls, despite the fact that he is from the Maratha community. He has the strong backing of former chief minister and Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah.

The JDS' Niyaz Sheik, relatively a novice, was former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy's choice. Interestingly, he is the first one to get the party's 'B' form to contest the polls, and Kumaraswamy has been campaigning aggressively for him.

FACTORS IN SINDAGI

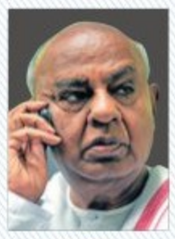
In Sindagi, the Congress party's Ashok Managuli, by virtue of being the son of former JDS minister late M C Managuli, a Panchamasali Lingayat, seems to have emerged as a leader to look out for. Whether the sympathy factor works in his favour remains to be seen.

BJP's Ramesh Bhusanuru, a Ganiga Lingayat leader, may also ride the sympathy wave as he came in second in the 2018 assembly polls. But with Bommai concentrating hard on Hanagal, Bhusanuru may not get as much importance.

Whether JDS candidate Naziya Shakeel Ahmed Angadi, an educated young woman, will have traction with the Muslim electorate, especially women, will be tested in these polls. Moreover, with none other than former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda committed to giving his best time to Sindagi, could give her a boost.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai campaigns for BJP bypoll candidate Shivaraj Sajjanar (right) in Hanagal on Sunday. Hanagal is in Bommai's home district Haveri making it a must-win battle for him | D HEMANTH

KARNATAKA ASSEMBLY BYPOLLS DECIDE



I will campaign in rural areas. Instead of holding public meetings, I will meet farmers, women and youths of the constituency. I will list out their grievances and present the facts before them, to decide whether to vote for JDS or not

HD Deve Gowda

Gowda to camp in Sindagi to defeat protege's son

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FORMER Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda is not one to give up when it comes to elections, general or assembly. At 88, the veteran leader has already completed the first leg of his tour in bypoll-bound Sindagi constituency, and is expected to commit himself for another 8-10 days from Monday.

He landed at Sindagi on Sunday evening, and spoke to party candidate Naziya Shakeel Ahmed Angadi at her house, on the election.

"I will campaign in rural areas. Instead of holding public meetings, I will meet farmers, women and youth. I will list out their grievances and present facts before them, so they can decide whether to vote for JDS or not," Gowda told The New Indian Express.

"When he was chief minister, Gowda had released Rs 1,970 crore against implementation of Upper Krishna Project in North Karnataka, and Rs 800 crore when he became Prime Minister," said former MLC Y S V Datta.

For that matter, former JDS minister M C Managuli, whose untimely death necessitated the bypolls, had even erected a statue of Gowda, in recognition of the latter's contributions.

While former Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy and son Nikhil concentrate on Hanagal, joining Gowda in Sindagi will be his grandson and Hassan LS member Prajwal Revanna, informed a source.

The JDS supremo is particular about Sindagi because he claimed to have groomed Managuli, a dominant Panchamashali community leader, during the latter's early stage as politician. He made Managuli win against all odds, as some leaders within the then Janata Dal were opposed to him, and later, he even became a minister.

'No Achche din for Siddu with DKS in Cong'

ARUNKUMAR HURALIMATH
@ Hanagal (Haveri district)

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai launched the BJP's campaign for the October 30 Hanagal bypoll on Sunday by hitting out at Congress leader and former CM Siddaramaiah by saying 'Achche din' will not dawn upon the latter until KPCC president DK Shivakumar remains in the party.

"There is no need for anyone to finish off the Congress... they themselves will do so because of the infighting," Bommai told a gathering of more than 10,000 people at Hanagal taluk stadium. Bommai hails from Haveri district where Hanagal is located. Bommai was accompanied by several of his Cabinet and party colleagues. In a 30-minute speech, Bommai countered Siddaramaiah on the claim that the latter had sanctioned Rs 2,400 crore for the development of Hanagal during his tenure as the CM by asking him to release documents in support of his claim.

He also recalled the contribution of CM Udasi--- whose demise necessitated the bypoll--- for implementing the Balambid and Hirekaunshi lift irrigation projects. Bommai also explained how the BJP government initiated the Upper Tunga Project to irrigate over 1 lakh acres in Haveri district. Playing the emotional card, Bommai said, "Support BJP candidate Shivaraj Sajjanar.. then only the soul of Udasi will rest in peace. The bypoll is a matter of prestige for the people of the constituency.. I am the son-in-law of Hanagal taluk."

Meanwhile, Sajjanar refuted the charges made by Siddaramaiah that he and Udasi looted the Sangur sugar factory that resulted in its closure.

Hanagal may not be smooth sailing for BJP

BANSY KALAPPA
@ Bengaluru

ALTHOUGH former chief minister BS Yediyurappa has assured the party that he will campaign in the Hanagal and Sindagi bypolls, the Bharatiya Janata Party is concerned about the strongman's genuine involvement.

Hanagal is becoming a worry for the BJP, which is looking weak here, not only because of the Yediyurappa factor, but also because the Udasi family has remained lukewarm to the polls. Hanagal is the Udasi family pocketborough, and BJP MP Shivakumar Udasi was keen on keeping the seat in the family.

The BJP, though, decided to give the ticket to Shivaraj Sajjannar, who locals consider an outsider.

It may be recalled that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had thanked the late Udasi, saying he had got him the BJP ticket when he decided to contest, but Bommai's attempts to get the ticket for a member of the Udasi family did not bear fruit. Udasi's supporters are not too happy that Bommai was not able to swing it in their favour. Udasi had represented Hanagal for the longest period, right from 1983 when he first won the seat, except for occasions when he lost to Manohar Tahsildar from the Congress. Traditionally, Udasi would get the Lingayat vote, while Talsildar got the backward community vote.

The BJP's worry is that if Lingayat consolidation does not happen in support of Sajjanar, then the margin that Udasi used to win with, could be eroded. In 2018, Udasi won by 6,000 votes and in 2008 too, he had won by a similar margin.

The BJP is also a little concerned that when Yediyurappa broke away and formed the Karnataka Janata Paksha in 2013, he had fielded Udasi, who managed to garner about 60,000 votes, while the BJP candidate won a mere 7,000 votes -- going to show that the BJP vote there is limited.

If Janata Dal-Secular weans away a large minority vote from the Congress, it will help the BJP, but in 2018, Kumaraswamy's candidate in Hanagal had managed to win just over 3,000 votes, and lost his deposit, so it could be a challenge.

The only reason for the BJP to smile is that bypolls favour the ruling party, but that may not be enough to be overconfident.

EXPRESS READ

KSE hits out at HDK for statement on Ram Mandir

SHIVAMOGGA: RDPR Minister KS Eshwrappa on Sunday hit out at JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy for demanding details of funds collected to construct the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. "He has no right to ask for fund details. Has he donated even one penny?," Eshwarappa said, adding that only those who have donated can ask for the details. It may be recalled here that during his visit to Bhadravati on Saturday, Kumaraswamy had asked for accounts related to the construction of the Ram Mandir. He also asked for accounts related to the Rath Yathra taken out by BJP veteran LK Advani in early 1990s. ENS

Lorry owners threaten strike from Oct 24 if CM fails to reduce fuel tax

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

LORRY owners have threatened to go on an indefinite strike from October 24 if Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai does not intervene to reduce the price of diesel.

GR Shanmukappa, president, Karnataka Federation of Lorry Owners and Agents Association, says that diesel prices have increased by more than Rs 26 per litre in the last one year.

"This has hit the transport industry to a great extent. Several of them have surrendered their permits and hundreds of private bus operators have cut operations by almost half since it is not economically viable to run a full fleet," Shanmukappa added.

"Of the nearly six lakh lorries in the state, 30% of them are off roads due to rising fuel prices. We just cannot manage. Covid-19 has taken away their livelihoods greatly. Now, with fuel prices soaring, how are we going to manage?" he asked.

Criticising the State Government and the Centre for not helping, he said that if the CM doesn't reduce fuel prices, then they are planning to hold a nationwide truckers strike. "We will meet on October 23 after which we will decide on the indefinite strike," he added.

Sheer harassment, says DKS on IT raid on campaign firm

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WHEN contacted, Shivakumar called the searches "sheer harassment of a young, professional company". He told The New Indian Express, "The income tax searches were conducted for political reasons. We have not signed them up officially for party campaigns. They recently handled 'Vaccinate Karnataka' for us on a trial basis. It is unfortunate that central agencies are harassing enterprising and startup firms."

Meanwhile, Naresh Arora of 'DesignBoxed' tweeted that the IT raids on him and his associates "found nothing – no unaccounted valuables of any kind... We are law-abiding citizens and proud taxpayers".

Through his handle, @nishuarora, he tweeted, "The raids are so obviously political. They targeted me and my colleagues only because we have been working for the Opposition and mainly Congress party. Apart from trying to find anything remotely incriminatory against top Congress leaders, the raids were intended to intimidate a self-made professional and political campaign management firm so that we don't work for India's main opposition party."

Arora called the raids "an outright abuse of tax agencies for political aims, not what democracies do".

The IT officials searched the second group, engaged in solid waste management in different municipalities.

"Various incriminating documents, loose papers and digital evidence have been seized. Evidence found reveals that this group has indulged in booking bogus bills for expenses and subcontracts. A preliminary estimate of such bogus expenses booked is to the tune of Rs 70 crore," the ministry stated.

'Cong top brass to pick CM after 2023 polls'

BENGALURU: Congress leader Siddaramaiah on Sunday said the party high command will decide on its CM after winning the 2023 Assembly polls in the state, and whomever they name, everyone will abide by it. "The high command will decide. Congress is a national party. Who made Basavaraj Bommai the CM? Did MLAs do it? It was the (BJP) high command and RSS. Similarly, we too have the high command," Siddaramaiah said. He reiterated that the high command has not invited him to national politics and the issue was not discussed during his recent meeting with Sonia Gandhi. "I'm now 74 years old, I may be in politics maximum five more years, I am fine with Karnataka, I'm happy with Karnataka politics," he said. On Rahul Gandhi, Siddaramaiah said, "He should become the party president, I have said it a number of times," Siddaramaiah added.

Cong leaders slam HDK for his remarks on Siddu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru, Bengaluru

A day after JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy termed Opposition leader Siddaramaiah a "terminator for minority leaders in the party", several Congress leaders condemned the former's remarks. Addressing the media here on Sunday, Congress leaders, including former mayor Arif Hussain, KPCC spokesperson M Lakshman, District Congress Committee president Dr Vijaykumar, Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig and others came down heavily on Kumaraswamy and said he was making a false charge to increase the JDS vote share in the upcoming bypolls. The JDS has fielded Muslim candidates in the October 30 bypolls to Hanagal and Sindagi.

Kumaraswamy's statement comes at a time when murmurs are rife that Congress MLC CM Ibrahim has sent feelers among his community members about him joining the JDS.

Refuting Kumaraswamy's charges, Arif Hussain said people in the community know the reality. "Kumaraswamy, who was a film producer, entered politics after I stepped down as the mayor. Now, he is blaming our leader Siddaramaiah and accusing him of sidelining Muslims. If he is so supportive of Muslim leaders, he could have fielded Rahman Sheriff from Kanakapura constituency.. but he was not given a ticket," said Arif responding to a question raised by Kumaraswamy in one of his tweets.

Congress leader Siddaramaiah campaigns for party candidate Srinivas V Mane at Kanchinegalur near Hanagal on Sunday ahead of the October 30 bypolls

He further added that JDS failed to honour the agreement in the Mysuru City Corporation mayoroal polls which led to the spilt of alliance. Lakshman alleged that Kumaraswamy was using Muslims as a political tool against Siddaramaiah and the Congress.

In Bengaluru, MLA Zameer Ahmed Khan hit out at Kumaraswamy and said his allegations against Siddaramaiah were false.

Madurai: A migrant worker involved in laying underground drainage pipelines as part of the Smart City Mission Programme died on Saturday after a heap of sand slid over him in the pit. The deceased, identified as Abimanyu (36), hails from the state of Odisha

Search operations are underway at Makochi, where seven people went missing after a landslide; people being shifted to relief camps after the massive flood, following a landslide at Kokkayar | ALBIN MATHEW

Mallappally, Tiruvalla witness heavy flood

1,840 people belonging to 515 families were shifted to 63 relief camps in Mallappally district till Sunday evening

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Pathanamthitta

MALLAPPALLY and Tiruvalla taluks of Pathanamthitta bore the brunt of flooding following the cloudburst on Sunday. By Saturday midnight, Mallappally town and villages in the taluk were flooded as Manimala river breached the banks.

The KSRTC bus station, shops and houses in Mallappally town were inundated. Though several parts of the taluk were flooded, many families were not ready to move to relief camps and they told the rescue teams that they were safe and the water level would come down soon, said district administration officials.

Low-lying areas of Tiruvalla were also flooded by Sunday evening. The Thirumoolapuram-Kuttoor stretch of Main Central Road in Tiruvalla was flooded which led to huge traffic snarl-ups in the evening. Local youths came forward to help the motorists navigate the flooded stretch. Traffic movement on Tiruvalla-Ambalappuzha road was also affected badly.

Health Minister Veena George, MLAs and other people's representatives and District Collector Divya S Iyer coordinated the rescue activities in various parts of the district.

Veena George said all marooned families in the district have been rescued. "The water flow into the reservoirs in the district has come down. There is no need for panic now but the people should be extremely vigilant," the minister said.

The teams of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), fire and rescue services, police, fishermen and local people were actively involved in the rescue activities in the district. Marooned families including elderly people and children and pet animals were safely shifted by these teams.

1,840 in relief camps

Disaster management deputy collector T G Gopakumar said the situation in Mallappally is under control. He said 1,840 people belonging to 515 families were shifted to 63 relief camps in the district till Sunday evening.

At least 1,004 members of 282 families were shifted to camps in Tiruvalla on Sunday. In Kozhenchery, 180 people of 47 families were shifted to nine relief camps. Though the low-lying areas of Ranni were flooded on Saturday, the water receded there by Sunday.

While 295 member of 99 families have been shifted to seven relief camps in Konni, 16 members of five families were moved to two camps opened in Adoor. Ezhikkad colony in Aranmula – the second biggest Scheduled Caste settlement in Kerala-- was also flooded and 24 families were shifted to relief camps on Sunday morning.

Man saves wife & two kids, son missing

Idukki: Autorickshaw driver Shahul was stuck at his home in Poovanchi due to the heavy rain, when a massive heap of mud entered his house, submerging his three children, wife and parents on Saturday. Though he managed to pull out his wife and two children, his seven-year-old son Sachu is missing. Shahul's parents were also rescued. A search is on for Sachu. Shahul's wife and children are being treated at a hospital in Mundakayam. The youngest daughter, is said to be critical.

Heavy rain in Kollam, 5 relief camps set up

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kollam

KOLLAM district on Sunday continued to witness incessant rain leading to massive flooding and traffic disruption in several areas. Around 150 houses were damaged in the heavy rain and strong wind that lashed the district on the day. Of them, seven houses were completely destroyed.

The rainfall which began on Friday evening has been wreaking damage, especially in eastern parts of the district. As many as 125 people from 33 families -- 50 men, 52 women and 23 children-- were shifted to five relief camps at different places.

Boat services halted, students affected

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

WITH authorities digging up roads and suspending boat services across Kabini to restrict movement on the Karnataka-Kerala border due to Covid-19, over 150 children are worried and stranded as regular classes will start in Kerala schools from November 1.

Anxious parents are appealing to authorities to resume boat services so that students can cross the river and reach schools and colleges in Parikallur, Pulpali, Sultan Bathery of Wayanad district in Kerala.

Though, DB Kuppe, Bavali, Machur, Annemala and Hosahalli border villages falls in HD Kote taluk, their proximity to Kerala has made parents put their wards in Kerala government-run schools. Students cross the river to attend classes in Parikallur and Palpali while a few others pursuing undergraduate courses take buses to reach Sultan Bathery for college.

With the steep rise in daily Covid-19 caseload in Kerala, the Karnataka government ordered closure of the borders, suspended boat services, dug roads connecting villages and made the RT-PCR negative report mandatory to enter Karnataka. The move not only made hundreds jobless but also denied an opportunity to students to attend classes.

Fatima, a student, said she is missing regular classes as there is no connectivity to reach Palpalli. "If this continues, we may face shortage of attendance and also lose an academic year," she feared.

Sameer, a parent, said the ban across the border and boating facilities prevented them from collecting uniforms, textbooks and free ration provided to school children by the Kerala government.

"We are worried about the future of our children. We want the government to relax norms and allow children to cross the river to attend classes. We have appealed to the local authorities to take a decision in the interest of the students," he said.

Meanwhile, many villagers maintained that they can't afford to send their children to private institutions in HD Kote and other places and have decided to enrol their wards in Kerala government-run schools.

Mahesh, a resident of Machur, said many have lost work and have no money as they could not work in farms in Kerala for over five months now. Many who operate bank accounts in Kerala villages were unable to visit banks due to stringent norms.

"Banks in Balle, Antarasanthe, HD Kote and Belthur are too far, hence we prefer to open accounts in Parikallur which is a 20-minute ride in a boat," he said.

EXPRESS READ

TTD's Ankurarpanam fete today

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams is organising the Ankurarpanam fete on Monday ahead of the three-day Pavitrotsavam festivities at the Sri Pattabhiram Swami Temple of Valmikipuram between October 19-21 in Ekantkam due to existing Covid protocol. Pavitrotsavam would be performed to ward off evil effects in any temple by devotees through the year.

Quake awareness programme in V'pura

Vijayapura: Geologists from esteemed institutions like Indian Institute of Science will conduct a two-day workshop and awareness programme about the frequent quakes in the district from Tuesday. DCP Sunil Kumar said, "Though 7 quakes have been reported, we cannot identify any kind of pattern as the tremors happen in different parts every time."

4 kill garment factory employee, surrender

ENS @Bengaluru

A 24-year-old supervisor of a garment factory was murdered by a gang of four men in Annapurneshwarinagar on Saturday night. Interestingly, the assailants brought the victim's body to the station and surrendered before the police, confessing about the crime.

The deceased has been identified as Bhaskar B, a resident of Hosur, while the accused have been identified as Muniraju (22), an autorickshaw driver; his friend Maruti (22), owner of a laundry shop; Nagesh (22), a cab driver; and Prashanth (20), an unemployed youth.

According to a senior officer, the prime accused Muniraju stated before the police that Bhaskar had developed feelings towards his elder sister, who is employed at the same garment factory as the victim. She had left her husband's house in Annapurneshwarinagar allegedly over domestic violence, and was staying with her parents in Malur since the past two weeks.

On Saturday evening, she called Bhaskar informing him that she was heading to his house with her two children, for shelter.

Bhaskar met her near Sunkadakatte and told her that he would arrange a separate house for her. Meanwhile, one of the kids refused to go with Bhaskar and contacted Muniraju over phone. The latter arrived with his friends and took Bhaskar to an isolated place and brutally thrashed him. Late at night, they gave Bhaskar some food to eat. As he ate, Muniraju allegedly struck Bhaskar's head, which caused him to fall unconscious. Around 2.30 am, he succumbed to his injuries, following which the accused surrendered.

BIDDING ADIEU

Officials and others give a farewell to Dasara elephants on the Mysuru Palace premises on Sunday. Priest Prahalad chanted hymns and performed a puja. Eight Dasara elephants, after taking part in the Jumboo Savari and making it a grand success, bid adieu to the city of palaces and headed back to the jungle camps on Sunday. | UDAYSHANKAR S

Man held for conning 500

ENS @Bengaluru

MAGADI Road police have arrested a dismissed KSRTC driver and his friend for cheating over 500 people, by promising jobs in the transport department.

The accused allegedly collected 15 crores rupees from the job aspirants.

The arrested have been identified as Manjunath Billa Nayak (49) and his friend Anil Kumar, (38), residents of Hagaribommanahalli in Vijaynagar district.

Sabarimala appoints new chief priest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Sabarimala

N Parameswaran Namboothiri of Thattarambalam in Mavelikkara has been selected the new melsanthi (chief priest) of Sabarimala Lord Ayyappa temple and Shambhu Namboothiri of Kuruvakkattu Illam in Kozhikode that of Malikappuram Devi temple.

Namboothiri belongs to Kaliyikkal Madom at Thattarambalam. He will be the melsanthi of Sabarimala temple for one year from November 16 when the Mandala Pooja season commences.

Namboothiri, 49, is the son of late Narayanan Namboothiri and Subadhra Antharjanam. He is now the melsanthi of Sree Krishnaswami Temple at Evoor in Alappuzha district. He had also served as the melsanthi of Pampa Maha Ganapathi temple, Chettikulangara temple and Haripad Sree Krishna Swami temple.

"The new assignment is a gift of the gods I had served in the past. I will serve Lord Ayyappa till the lord permits," Parameswaran Nampoothiri told TNIE.

Islands passed from one hand to another

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THE islands were under Kadamba rulers and were later taken over by by Sirsi-based Sodhe dynasty, which ruled them till they were annexed by Adilshahis in the early 15th century. The islands were conquered by Vijayanagara emperors, who had a close association with the Sodhe dynasty, 100 years later. Portuguese General Alfonso-de-Albuquerque, the first Duke of Goa, annexed Devgadh and fortified Anjediva and other islands.

The Union Home department has sought details pertaining to these islands. Goa has claimed some islands. We have replied to their demands.

Mullai Muhilan, DC, Karwar

However, Kurmagad was retained by Basavalinga Raja of Sodhe dynasty, who constructed a fort there. The Sodhes ruled it until 1763, when Haider Ali invaded Uttara Kannada district. Fleeing from the assault, Sodhe rulers sought refuge in Goa and came under the protection of the Portuguese. As part of the deal, Sodhes transferred the ownership of Kurmagad to the foreign rulers, who used these islands to control trade over the sea.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) R. AMALA W/o 1377145A NK RAMAN'S, Residing at No. 24, 4th Cross, Coffee Board Colony, Venkateshpuram, Anwar Layout, Arabic College (Post), Bangalore - 560 045 have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) R. AMALA** to **(NEW NAME) AMALA. R** vide affidavit dated 22.09.2021 sworn before notary Rahmathulla Sharief, Bangalore.

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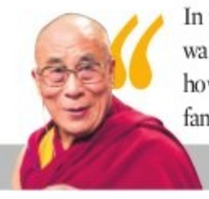

In my experience, what we need is a calm mind and warm-heartedness provides a basis for that. That's how we make ourselves happy as individuals in families, local communities and nations

Dalai Lama

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— Ramnath Goenka

WANTON CIVILIAN KILLINGS TO SCARE PEOPLE IN KASHMIR

Managing Kashmir at the best of times is difficult, with or without Article 370 and 35A. Looks like the worst of times is knocking on the Valley's door as seismic changes around the region have altered the geostrategic balance. The targeted killing of civilians since a couple of weeks has added a new layer to the reign of terror in Kashmir where encounter deaths have already escalated. While the intention to scare is visible, security forces are struggling to deal with The Resistance Force, the new entity apparently floated by Pakistan to take responsibility for the wanton bloodshed. Pakistan can be expected to further push terrorists in before winter sets in and Nature makes the border impregnable for a few months.

The messy US drawdown from Afghanistan and Taliban capturing power has anyway made Af-Pak the most unpredictable and dangerous region in the world. For whatever reason, the pressure of further refugee influx on Pakistan's western border has reduced, leaving Islamabad ample time and resources to mess around in Kashmir earlier than expected. Add to that its all-weather friend China's rigidity during the latest border talks on the Ladakh face-off and the diplomatic frost in India's north and west has only become deeper. That the US no longer has the ability to be a counterweight to deter Pakistan from turning on the terror tap is a given. And the ability of multilateral agencies like the IMF and the FATF to squeeze out Islamabad's terror financing is questionable.

Early this year, both India and Pakistan exchanged vows to restore peace along the LoC by agreeing on a ceasefire after years of border shelling. It carried the promise of improving bilateral ties as there were some attempts at legacy-making. Simultaneously, the Modi government pushed the development envelope in J&K, setting the tone for Assembly polls after delimitation to expand the space for democracy. But back-channel talks failed, giving the Imran government the excuse to go back on the beaten path. Imran's recent run-in with the military over the procedure to appoint a new ISI chief notwithstanding, he continues to be the army's political arm. With chances of peace withering away for now, would the LoC truce at least survive?

BOOST TO INFRA THROUGH TEAMWORK

Collaboration is the secret sauce of all projects and the government, it appears, is belatedly giving it a burl. The Gati Shakti National Master Plan launched last week essentially integrates 16 central ministries including railways, roads and ports using technology, satellite mapping and data tools. It facilitates integrated planning and coordinated project implementation; such teamwork is expected to lower logistics costs by about 8%, or lead to savings in excess of ₹20 lakh crore. Surely, this isn't a post-Covid-19 prompted evolution. The Centre could have started reaping results had it rolled out the technocentric administrative initiative alongside its ballyhooed ₹100 lakh crore National Infrastructure Pipeline in 2019. Even now, while the effort is commendable, it's missing another centrepiece, i.e., states, holding calling cards to land acquisition and other critical decisions.

Often nations pound the drum of infrastructure development in the face of every economic slowdown, recession and depression. That's because it's the ideal way through which public expenditure supports growth, ensures better utilisation of scarce funds, generates large-scale jobs, encourages private investments and revives economies in the process. From the New Deal in the US after the Great Depression to the infrastructure boom in China after the 2008 financial crisis, infrastructure has been the go-to game for achieving socio-economic transformation. This has been the case in India too; studies have shown how for every rupee the government spends on infrastructure, gains worth ₹2.5-3.5 worth are added to the GDP. Only, project delays are getting in the way of economic prosperity, which the Centre hopes to correct via Gati Shakti.

Official data shows as many as 483 infrastructure projects have been hit by cost overruns aggregating ₹4.43 lakh crore. Even among the implemented projects across SEZs and industrial parks, many have suffered from inefficient multimodal connectivity that boosts export competitiveness. While the Gati Shakti plan addresses this by building 500 multimodal hubs incurring ₹50,000 crore additional investment, the government must also focus on areas such as power sector reforms to ensure uninterrupted electricity, particularly, amid rising coal shortages.

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ARE INDIA'S BORDERS UNDER RENEWED THREAT?

LT GEN SYED ATA HASNAIN (RETD)

Former Commander, Srinagar-based 15 Corps. Now Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir

AMIT BANDRE

Last week the Indian public was jolted by a cascading set of events in some of India's border regions. These are related to the borders in J&K, Ladakh, Uttarakhand and Arunachal Pradesh. A week with so much happening is unusual. Not for a long time have we seen multiple events playing out as threats on India's northern and western borders.

The 13th Corps Commander level talks at Ladakh's Moldo-Chushul between senior military commanders of the Indian Army and the PLA ended in an unexpected impasse. The 10th round on February 20 this year had achieved a landmark decision: both armies were to disengage in the Pangong Tso area, which included the Fingers complex and the Kailash Range heights; implementation too was completed in 72 hours. It was expected that this positive development would subsequently extend to other sub sectors where Indian patrolling up to the established patrolling points (PPs) was being denied. The 11th and the 12th round of talks may not have achieved anything as substantial but held out much promise after the Gogra area was successfully addressed for mutual disengagement after the 12th round on July 20. The result of the 13th round has indeed been disappointing. The negative sentiment arises from the fact that this has happened in the wake of other events that cannot be ignored.

On the geopolitical side, the 180 degrees turn of the situation in Afghanistan has created uncertainty as none other in the last 30 years after the Cold War. Post-pandemic and after the US withdrawal from Afghanistan, the strategic picture has changed substantially, which has probably forced China to hold its horses on decisions regarding the Sino-Indian border. Pressure points continue to exist and India is perceived to be deeply on the US side of the fence. Recent meetings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Washington continue to project India as aligning with forces inimical to China. Under these circumstances, China may not wish to be seen to be wilting at the borders, although the responsibility for de-escalation lies squarely on its shoulders. Instead of de-escalation, China has increased the coercion along the border by limited activation of two more pressure points in Uttarakhand and Arunachal Pradesh. In Uttarakhand the PLA chose to enter the Barahoti bowl to test India's preparedness and response. A few weeks later it crossed the LAC in Arunachal Pradesh. A face-off took place when rival patrols came face-to-face in a contested area near Yangtse, with the soldiers asking each other to retreat to their respective sides. With the Army Chief Gen M M Naravane repeatedly emphasising the PLA build-up in the theatre and the huge strides being made in infrastructure on the other side of the LAC, it was obvious that China was into the strategy of obfuscation. In frequent talks and meetings at the politico-diplomatic level, it focused on reducing tension at the LAC and the need to remain engaged, while in the military domain, coercive activity continues with doses of moralistic advice from China's state-controlled mouthpieces such as *Global Times*.

On the other hand, J&K came alive last week with a series of targeted minority killings in Kashmir and unconnected contacts between troops and the terrorists south of the Pir Panjal. A number of proactive intelligence-based operations followed in the Valley, creating the perception that 30 years after the infamous targeting of the Kashmiri Hindus there, it is almost back to the nineties as far as the security scenario is concerned. Given the resounding but far from permanent success that Pakistan has achieved in Afghanistan with the coming of Taliban 2.0 and the attainment of perceived strategic depth, Pakistan has not lost time. It is strategising with two factors in mind. First, the need to once again gain traction in Kashmir after the severe loss that has come its way after 5 August 2019, and initiate this before the coming winter. Second is to exploit the inspirational, ideological winds flowing from the events in Afghanistan. The strategy appears to harp on enhancing the strength of terrorists through infiltration from multiple directions in the hope of success somewhere. It also looks at targeting some shallow objectives in the vicinity of the LoC (recall the recent Uri infiltration). The strategy culminates with the flagship measure of attacking the softest target in Kashmir, the minorities. Almost 800 Kashmiri Hindu families still reside there along with 1.5 lakh Sikhs. Pakistan realises that India's Achilles Heel is this—it has ramifications across the length and breadth of the nation besides a prevailing perception among Pakistani sponsors that eviction of minorities from Kashmir helps to link its majority populace with a common religious ideology that alludes to an obscurantist form of Islam.

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There is no doubt that China and Pakistan have succeeded in creating a degree of uncertainty about the security of some of our most important borders, but this is transitional and should be expected. For Pakistan, war on its own is not an option; yet hybrid events in the political, social and military domains are of advantage. Robust counter-terror operations by India within and beyond the LoC balanced by the most nuanced outreach to entrust ownership of the safety of minorities to the Kashmiri Muslim majority is the key. It's a question of how effectively the military in Kashmir, the traditional power horse of strategy and innovation, can put together such a plan and take everyone on board.

The LAC in Ladakh and elsewhere is not detached or in isolation. The adversaries are broadly in sync and the creation of uncertainty at the borders helps them achieve the obfuscation that they seek. In the emerging environment where new alignments and fresh areas of focus are being sought by multiple players, it is clearly advantageous for two well-established allies, with many common aims, to converge their efforts to keep India on the horns of a dilemma. Our emerging commitment to the Indo-US strategic partnership provides insufficient support for our dilemma in dealing with both China and Pakistan at the land borders. That is what both adversaries wish to exploit by keeping the borders so active. Even as we look at the Indo-Pacific and the Quad for our long-term strategic need, the necessity of abiding by the Army chief's opinion is important. He said, "If the Chinese are there to stay, we are there to stay too." Our presence at all the borders must clearly project that intent.

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KHILAFAT AND THE PERILS OF PAN-ISLAMISM

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Pan-Islamism is a political ideology advocating the unity of Muslims under one Islamic country or state—often a caliphate—or an international organisation with Islamic principles. The *ummah* (Muslim community) is the focus of allegiance and mobilisation, excluding ethnicity, nationality and race as primary unifying factors. Pan-Islamism emerged during the late 19th century as a global movement for Islamic reform and struggle against European imperialism. The major leaders of the Pan-Islamist movement were the triad of Jamal al-Din Afghani (1839–1897), Muhammad Abduh (1849–1905) and Sayyid Rashid Rida (1865–1935). Pan-Islamism gained momentum in India during the Khilafat Movement during the 1918–1924 period.

A global Caliphate, real or imaginary, is the moving force behind the idea of Pan-Islamism. Dismemberment of the Ottoman Empire following World War I triggered confusion and dismay in the Muslim world. Naeem Qureshi in his *Pan-Islam in British India: The Politics of the Khilafat Movement 1918–1924* observes that in British India, Turkey had given the Muslim community a feeling of security in the midst of the Hindu majority. The Indian Muslims were anxious about an alien empire. Muslims were divided on regional, sectoral, class and caste lines. These divisions prevented the emergence of a homogeneous monolithic community. But bonds of common religion and a sense of shared history helped the Muslim community in India and across the world overcome these divisions. "What made pan-Islam more intelligible to Indian Muslims was the growing consciousness among them that they were the members of a world-wide ecumenical community, stretching from the shores of the Atlantic to the Straits of Malacca in one unbroken chain," observes Qureshi.

Pan-Islamists have always been committed to the institution and preservation of the caliphate, this being the centre of the Islamic faith. According to them, it is incumbent upon the entire *ummah* to rally around the caliphate. Pan-Islamism in India unfolded through the Khilafat Movement during 1918–24 and culminated in the emergence of Muslim nationalism and the Pakistan movement. The Hijrat Movement of 1920 was another facet of pan-Islamism that gave preference to religious affiliation over national allegiance. Thousands of Indian Muslims, under severe emotional stress, began to emigrate from India to Afghanistan that was under Islamic rule. This was an imitation of the Prophet Muhammed's Hijrat to Madinah in 622 CE. The Ali Brothers and Zafar Ali Khan, prominent Khilafatists, put forth Hijrat as an alternative to jihad. The Hijrat Movement was a colossal failure.

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Pan-Islamism, Islamism and caliphate: "Pan-Islamic fellow feelings and compassion finds credence among most Muslims from Senegal to Indonesia (Including Shia Iran) but the Middle East holds the key. ... Pan-Islamic sentiment is likely to survive and continue to thrive even when the myth of Islamic monolith stands discarded," opines Qureshi. Pan-Islamism, Islamism and a caliphate are closely interconnected. Islamism is the supremacist political ideology that insists on imposing sharia, or Islamic holy law, on the world. Survey results by the Pew Research Center and others have shown that a significant proportion of Muslims, including those in the Western world, support making sharia the law of the land or at least want many aspects of it. These are examples of how pan-Islamism armed with craving for sharia and caliphate undermines the Muslims' allegiance to nation-states and their constitutions.

The Islamic State (IS) is the new avatar of the caliphate. Pan-Islamism is the capital of the IS. Graeme Wood, a scholar on the teaching and ideology of IS, wrote in *The Atlantic*, "The Islamic State is no mere collection of psychopaths. It is a religious group with carefully considered beliefs, among them that it is a key agent of the coming apocalypse. ... The reality is that the Islamic State is Islamic. Very Islamic." The success of ISIS in declaring an Islamic State proved irresistible to thousands of recruits from around the world, including Europe and the US, who wanted to join the battle before the final apocalypse.

Pan-Islamism is an antithesis to Cosmopolitanism. Cosmopolitanism is the idea that all human beings are members of a single community, whereas Pan-Islamism divides humanity into two watertight compartments: Muslims and Non-Muslims. Cosmopolitanism believes humans can and should be "world citizens" in a "universal community". In contrast, Pan-Islamism exhorts Muslims to wage jihad until a caliphate is established and sharia is enforced as a universal law. Immanuel Kant envisioned a cosmopolitan world where armies were abolished and humans were governed under a representative global institution. Proponents of cosmopolitanism share an emphasis that all humans should form one cohesive and united community. The world has to resort to a cosmopolitan outlook for making human life better and peaceful. Parochial ideologies like Pan-Islamism are a source of instability in the present world as in the past.

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Dravid the right choice

Former Indian captain Rahul Dravid will be taking over from Ravi Shastri as the head coach of the Indian cricket team after the T20 World Cup. This comes at the right time as many talented youngsters such as Ruturaj Gaikwad and Venkatesh Iyer are knocking on the team's doors, as seen during the recently concluded IPL. The Wall's knowledge and the soundness of his technical skills are well documented and one hopes he can take the team to new heights.

AP Thiruvadi, Chennai

Learn from the legend

At last the BCCI has made an excellent decision. Dravid is known for die-hard dedication and is highly disciplined. Hope our players learn good ethics and sportsmanship from a legend like him. Good days are ahead for Indian cricket.

M Suresh Kumar, Chennai

Inspirational Dhoni

Many congratulations to the Chennai Super Kings for winning its fourth IPL. Led by the inspirational M S Dhoni, there was a huge turnaround in the team in IPL 2021. While CSK and its diehard fans bask in glory, one should not forget the late V B Chandrasekhar, the former Indian cricketer who was the architect behind the franchise's strong foundation. VB was the one who convinced N Srinivasan to pick Dhoni over Virender Sehwag in IPL 2008, and the rest is history.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

Experience pays off

The victory of Chennai Super Kings in this year's Indian Premier League was well deserved. Their adherence to experience paid off through Dhoni's brilliant captaincy. Their performance has been consistent throughout the IPL's history.

Rins Padamattummal, T'puram

Family rule continues

This is with reference to *Ready to be Congress chief, says Rahul as chorus rises* (Oct 17). All is well in the Congress and the stalemate will continue with the family ruling the roost. The show must go on and all Congress leaders are aware of the bleak future ahead for them and the party.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Leaders have failed us

Titans hailed from Uttar Pradesh once (*Not all can see democracy's power*, Oct 17). Now, the state has only Lilliputians who are struggling to step into the shoes of their illustrious predecessors. And the same story holds good for other states too. India is not poor. It has poor leaders.

C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Ignored in school books

Many thanks to the newspaper for publishing the article about powerful and courageous women of our nation (*The unknown heroines of India*, Oct 16). Our school history books never taught us about the life and times of those great women barring a few. Hope our educationists will dig out the life histories of such brave but unknown men and women and include the same in our school curricula.

V V Venkatachalam, Bengaluru

Our brave women

Our illustrious and brave women of the past could put many a man to shame by their courage and sacrifice. It is a natural instinct for a woman to fight tooth and nail to subdue an intruder into the house, to protect home and hearth. The brave women mentioned have done it on a larger scale. Though in some cases they could not put up with the superior ammunition and fighting tactics of the enemy, they gave the enemy stiff resistance.

Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Yashwant Sinha @rssurjewala
We are a country of dead people. Nowhereelse would people would have tolerated the daily and unjustified rise in petrol, diesel and lpg prices

Manish Tewari @ManishTewari
Is there a link between killing of Non Muslims in Kashmir, Hindus in Bangladesh and massive infiltration in Poonch leaving nine Jawans dead?

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
Strongly condemn attack on a street vendor. Such unfortunate incidents only reinforce the immediate need to reach out to people of Jammu & Kashmir

Sidhu seeks Sonia meeting on poll agenda

Punjab Congress chief's request to present 13 points for election manifesto suggests difference of opinion with CM

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PUNJAB Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu has written to Congress chief Sonia Gandhi seeking an appointment in person. He wants to present a 13-point agenda for the party manifesto for the 2022 Assembly elections. Congress had said earlier that differences in the Punjab wing had been sorted. But Sidhu's request to the Congress president to give directions to the Charanjit Singh Channi government is seen as an indication of his tussle with the chief minister.

Among the 13 points, Sidhu mentions that the people of Punjab are demanding justice for the sacrilege of Guru Granth Sahib and police firing incidents at Kotkapura and Behbal Kalan. He also highlights cable mafia, drugs, agricultural issues, giving cheap electricity, bringing liquor trade under government control, single window for industries, employment opportunities, sand mining, transport mafia, women and youth empowerment. The letter dated October 15 was written a day after he met Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and KC Venugopal and withdrew his resignation as Punjab Congress president.

"Under your (Sonia) leadership Congress won two-third majority in the 2017 Assembly elections upon a pro-people agenda to give democratic and economic powers to the people of Punjab. I personally campaigned in 55 constituencies, among which we won 51 on the Punjab model of development according to which rightful resources of the state should come back to the state, instead of going to private pockets," Sidhu tweeted on Sunday.

"After multiple deliberations and consultations with party workers across Punjab and with deep understanding of public sentiment over 17 years of public life I express with pain that this is Punjab's last chance for resurrection and redemption. The issue at Punjab's heart. as understood very well by you, and signified by the 18-point agenda given to the last chief minister are equally relevant today. I stood for each point in that agenda through the responsibility vested in me by the organisation," Sidhu's letter to Sonia read.

The letter added, "It might be the last damage control exercise. Else, *mafia raj* patronised by the Badals will take the state to financial emergency, joblessness, corruption and crises from which there will be no return. Thus I request you please kindly consider these points and give your august direction to the state government to act in the best of interest of the people of Punjab."

Priyanka attacks Centre over price rise of fertilisers

New Delhi: A day after the Congress Working Committee resolved to keep fighting for the rights of farmers, the party's general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra criticised the Modi government for a further hike in the price of NPK and NP fertilisers. "The BJP government has increased by `275 the price of NPK and by `70 the price of NP fertilisers. The government increases the price of diesel everyday which has crossed `100. Under BJP rule, workers and farmers face the burden of inflation," she said.

Rejig in Rajasthan cabinet on the cards after Gehlot's chat with Gandhi siblings

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

EVEN though there is no official announcement, cabinet reshuffle in Rajasthan is on the cards. Chief Minister **Ashok Gehlot** held discussions with Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, KC Venugopal, Ajay Maken at Rahul Gandhi's residence in New Delhi on Saturday night. On behalf of Rahul, instructions were given to Gehlot to complete the process at the earliest.

Top leaders remained tight-lipped. Congress's Rajasthan in-charge Ajay Maken told the media after the meeting there was 'nothing special'. But sources close to Gehlot said that the meeting lasted for over an hour and the chief minister presented a roadmap to Rahul and Priyanka. It is learnt that there was talk on caste and regional balance in the upcoming cabinet reshuffle and political appointments. The role of the Sachin Pilot camp was also discussed.

Sources said Gehlot spoke about shifting certain leaders from the governmental wing to the organisation. For instance, minister Harish Chaudhary is willing to move from the government to the organisation. Govind Singh Dotasra, who holds the post of state Congress president is also the education minister. Health minister Raghu Sharma has been given the additional responsibility of Gujarat incharge. Both Dotasara and Sharma have given indications of leaving their ministerial posts.

The Pilot camp is also said to be demanding a cabinet reshuffle. A consensus is yet to be reached on inducting the Pilot supporters. On Friday, Gehlot met Sonia Gandhi's advisor Ambika Soni but could not meet the Congress president. Although he was scheduled to stay in Delhi on Sunday, he returned to Jaipur on Saturday night. With bypolls going on in Rajasthan, a cabinet reshuffle is unlikely before the results are declared on November 2.

In July last year, Pilot and 18 MLAs camped in Delhi against the leadership of Gehlot. It was through the efforts of Priyanka that the crisis was resolved. Since then, Pilot has been asking the Gandhis to fulfil the demands of his supporters. With leaders from Rajasthan meeting the siblings instead of Sonia, observers feel these developments may have broader political implications.

There are 21 ministers in the Gehlot cabinet and nine more posts are vacant. If Dotasra and Sharma step down, there will be room for 11 new ministers. Gehlot is said to be keen on six MLAs who came to Congress from BSP, other than his 13 independent MLA supporters. The Pilot camp wants 4-6 ministerial posts from among the MLAs loyal to him.

12 names sent by SC Collegium as judges not cleared again

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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DESPITE the Centre's push for filling up vacancies in positions of judges in high courts across the country, the government is yet to decide on 12 names reiterated by the Supreme Court Collegium. The names were sent between March and September.

This delay is in violation of the norms set by the top court in a judgment in April, which had fixed an upper limit of three to four weeks for appointments to high courts when names are reiterated by the Collegium.

According to sources, the names for appointments as judges to four high courts are stuck for a long time and on different occasions, the government had returned these names to the Supreme Court Collegium with a request to reconsider its recommendations to elevate these persons as judges of high courts.

While five names are for the Calcutta High Court, three are for Jammu and Kashmir HC. For the Karnataka and Allahabad HCs, there are two names each.

As per procedure, high court Collegiums send names of candidates they deem fit to be appointed as high court judges, to the law ministry. The ministry, in turn, attaches IB reports of the candidates and other details, before forwarding them to the Supreme Court Collegium.

The apex court Collegium then processes these names and recommends some to the government for elevation as high court judges.

As on October 1, there were 471 vacancies against the combined sanctioned strength of 1,098 judges across 25 high courts, according to the law ministry data. September has seen the collegium meet frequently, to recommend appointments and transfers.

COVID TRACKER

1.33%	CASE FATALITY RATE	1,95,846	Active cases in India
1.29%	DAILY POSITIVITY RATE	5,786	Fall in active cases
98.10%	NATIONAL RECOVERY RATE	11,00,123	Tests in 24 hours

Source: Union Health Ministry

Mumbai reports zero Covid deaths for the first time since March 2020

Mumbai: Mumbai reported zero Covid-19 deaths on Sunday. According to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), there were 367 tests and 528 recoveries, with no deaths. The BMC Commissioner Iqbal Singh Chahal said that the city recorded zero Covid deaths for the first time after March 26, 2020. "This is great news for all of us in Mumbai. As Municipal Commissioner of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, Mumbai, I salute Team BMC for their spectacular performance. I also profusely thank the media for its unflinching support and trust in Team BMC. Let us all keep the mask on our face and let every citizen of Mumbai get vaccinated if some of us have not yet! I appeal to everyone to help us keep Mumbai safe," said Chahal. As on Sunday, there were 16,180 active cases in Mumbai. The Commercial Capital of the country has reported 16,180 progressive deaths and 7,50,808 progressive positive cases. There have been 7,27,084 recoveries and hospital discharges since the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic last year.

China-Bhutan MoU gives food for thought for India

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

BHUTAN and China last week signed an MoU for expediting boundary negotiations where the two countries are likely to discuss Doklam. The MoU may cause ripple effects for India.

According to experts, the MoU is a sign that Bhutan is becoming increasingly independent of India. "Several strategic observations can be made about the Chinese-Bhutanese three-step roadmap MoU. First, the two nations have a political desire to peacefully resolve this issue. Second, Bhutan is behaving increasingly independent of India. Third, the aforesaid might be due to concerns about India's regional policy. Fourth, this is in spite of those two cooperating during the 2017 Doklam crisis. The fifth is significant since it suggests that if asymmetrically sized countries like those two can make progress on border issues, then there's no reason why similarly sized China and India can't," Russia-based analyst Andrew Korybko said.

According to Korybko, the MoU is likely to influence India's northern policy. "It might influence India to become more flexible in talks with China, which could stabilise this vast frontier and reduce the fear of rivalry in the two landlocked nations between them (Nepal, Bhutan). It might inspire India to become more recalcitrant towards compromising with China."

REMEMBERING THE SACRIFICE

EAM S Jaishankar at the Indian Cemetery at Talpiot in Jerusalem to pay homage to soldiers killed in World War-I | PTI

BORDER CONTROL

Punjab Police and BSF involve panchayats in anti-drone drive

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

IN the last two years, around 125 drones have been sighted in Punjab. Ten of those were shot down because they were from Pakistan to deliver weapons, explosives, ammunition and narcotics from across the border. Now, the Border Security Force and Punjab Police have started involving the panchayats in Punjab's border villages to tackle issue of drones.

Last month, there were a dozen drone sightings in which grenades and drugs were smuggled. Three drones from Pakistan, which tried to enter Indian territory on October 6, were fired at by BSF and retreated. In September, when sympathisers of the Khalistan Tiger Force were arrested, they confessed to smuggling weapons through drones from Pakistan.

In August, a tiffin bomb packed with over 2kg of RDX and five hand grenades were found from Daleke village in Amritsar. Punjab Police claimed that the consignment was dropped by a drone from the neighbouring country.

A senior police official said the state police and BSF are holding meetings with panchayats which fall within five kilometres of the Indo-Pak border and asking them to share information if they spot any flying object. Sources said radars cannot spot the drones as they fly at a height of 300 to 400 metres, mostly at night hours. These can carry five to seven kilograms of weight.

Last December, Punjab Police seized 11 hand grenades hidden in a box attached to a wooden frame in a field in Salach village in Gurdaspur. BSF had seen the movement of a drone on the intervening night of December 19 and 20.

In August 2019, the first incident of drones dropping weapons, including AK 47 rifles, from Pakistan was reported. Sources said Punjab Police is considering buying anti-drone equipment from Israel to detect such devices and jam communications between them and their operators. However, such equipment is very expensive and the state police felt they should be procured by the Centre. But there has been no development on this front and the police is still sans equipment.

As there is no anti-drone technology available at present along the border, public support is being sought to check drones entering into Indian territory —Police official

GRANDDAD'S SOFT HINDUTVA LEGACY WORKS BETTER FOR MAHA CM UDDHAV

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA Chief Minister **Uddhav Thackeray** has decided to carry forward the legacy of his grandfather Prabodhankar Keshav Thackeray than the rabble-rousing legacy of his father, the late Balasaheb Thackeray.

Balasaheb specialised in provocative speeches and stood for an extremist form of Hindutva. He was also seen as anti-minority. But his father known as Prabodhankar, which means reformer in Marathi, had a penchant for social reform and propagated the liberal views. It is believed that this stand taken by his grandson has helped the Maha Vikas Aghadi government survive two years.

Releasing a book on his grandfather, Uddhav said he does not believe in Shendi (long lock of hair) and Janava (sacred thread) Hindutva. He said his definition of Hindutva is broad and includes all sections of the society. "My grandfather was not atheist, but he was against the ill-thought traditions of society. He always stood by disadvantaged people and fought for them to get justice," the CM said.

Earlier, in his Dusshera rally also, Uddhav criticised the BJP's narrow Hindutva ideology. He also said that due to BJP's divide and rule policy, Hindutva is in danger.

Social commentator Ranjeet Shinde said Uddhav has two legacies, of his father and grandfather. "In the three-party government, Thackeray mostly banks on his grandfather's legacy and refers to his father's books or writings to project himself as a liberal and inclusive Hindu, as against the BJP's staunch and extremist Hindutva. This inclusive Hindutva is also suitable for Congress and NCP. The Congress also follows the soft Hindutva during elections," Shinde added.

BJP has criticised the chief minister of Maharashtra a number of times for leaving the Hindutva ideology and teaming up with Congress and the NCP. Former chief minister Devendra Fadnavis said that Shiv Sena is no more Balasaheb Thackeray's Sena, it is more of Congress and the NCP's Sena. Fadnavis said that people had given the mandate in the previous state Assembly elections in favour of BJP and the Shiv Sena, but Uddhav, the Shiv Sena president, cheated them and forged an unexpected alliance with Congress and the NCP.

MVA UPS THE ANTE AGAINST BJP

The Maha Vikas Aghadi has decided to remain aggressive against what they call vendetta politics by the BJP. Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has attacked the BJP in his speeches. He also dared the BJP to topple his government. On the other hand, NCP chief Sharad Pawar has also attacked the BJP over farmer issues and IT raids at his relative's premises. Pawar said that these raids by Central agencies will not have any impact on the state government. He said the government will complete five years. "Let the BJP try and try to topple the Maha Vikas Aghadi government. They already failed in last two years and no attempt of BJP succeed in Maharashtra," Pawar said. Political observers also pointed out that the MVA is trying to fight it out.

BJP leader joins Congress ahead of Assembly bypolls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

IN a jolt for BJP ahead of the Deglur Assembly bypolls in Maharashtra, party leader Bhaskarrao Hatgaonkar Patil of Nanded district announced that he will join the Congress.

Patil is a senior BJP leader, three-time MLA and two-time Lok Sabha MP. He is also a former state minister. Patil is a relative of Maharashtra Congress minister Ashok Chavan. He had left Congress seven years ago to join the BJP.

Patil said that while selecting the candidate for the Deglur bypolls, the BJP leadership did not take him into confidence. He said the candidate selection was done without understanding the ground situation.

Chavan welcomed the decision of Patil and said his arrival ahead of the Deglur bypolls will boost the confidence of party workers and that they are confident of winning this seat by a record margin.

After the declaration of bypolls, BJP inflicted a blow on Maha Vikas Aghadi by poaching former Shiv Sena MLA Subhash Sabane. Patil's return to Congress should be good news for the Maha Vikas Aghadi government, which is having a tough time for various reasons. Bypolls for the Deglur constituency was necessitated after the demise of incumbent Congress MLA Raosaheb Antapurkar.

E-SHRAM REGISTRY SOARS

A total of 4.09 crore unorganised workers signed-up with the e-Shram portal initiated by the Ministry of Labour and Employment in less than two months of its launch. Over 50.02% applicants are female beneficiaries

2 KILLED AS VEHICLE FALLS INTO GORGE IN KASHMIR

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	36	23	Mumbai	32	26
Bhopal	27	20	Panaji	31	25
Jaipur	29	19	Patna	29	24
Amritsar	25	19	Lucknow	35	26
Chennai	35	28	Port Blair	30	26
Kolkata	28	27	Imphal	28	19
Srinagar	24	10	Chandigarh	34	18

Non-locals jittery, keep watch on J&K situation

Several non-resident labourers leave Valley after targeted killings

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE targeted killing of non-locals by militants in Kashmir has caused fear among the skilled and unskilled labourers from other states working in the Valley. They are keeping a close watch and say if more killings take place, they may be forced to leave.

Meanwhile, several non-local workers have been leaving Kashmir since last week. Mohammad Shaheen, a native of West Bengal but now living in Delhi, said that for the last three decades, he had been working in Kashmir. "It is the first time that non-local street vendors and labourers are being targeted in J&K," he said.

In the last fortnight, 10 civilians, including three minority community members, three non-locals and four local Muslims have been shot dead by militants.

"There used to be movement of people on roads till 9 pm but now people prefer to return home by 6 pm," said Shaheen, adding that if more killings took place, non-locals might be forced to return to native places. "People won't risk their lives to earn money," Shaheen added.

Meanwhile, an official of the J&K Road Transport Corporation said a 48-seater bus daily plies from Srinagar to Jammu at 7.30 am and since last week around 40 passengers in the bus each day are non-locals.

A cab operator in Srinagar said that in the last two weeks, around 30 cabs have been leaving for Jammu daily as the number of passengers leaving the city increased after the civilian killings. "A fortnight back, only 10-15 cabs used to ply from Srinagar to Jammu daily," he said, adding that many non-locals have left the Valley in the last fortnight.

After the targetted killings by militants, IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar purportedly issued an advisory calling on district police chiefs to bring all non-locals in their jurisdictions to nearest police, CRPF and army units. However, the IGP later denied issuing such an order and termed it fake. J&K L-G Manoj Sinha, while condemning the killings has said, "We'll hunt down terrorists, their sympathisers and avenge innocent civilian's blood".

File photo of security personnel combing a forest area in Rajouri district

POONCH OPERATION CONTINUES

For the seventh consecutive day, army troops on Sunday continued their operation against militants hiding in the dense forests of Poonch district in Jammu and Kashmir. Three persons, including a mother-son duo, were detained by security men for questioning during the operation. An army official said personnel assisted by para commandos continued the search operation in Nar Khas forest area in Poonch. Army helicopters, the official said, were assisting the troops on the ground in locating the group of heavily-armed militants, whose exact number is not known.

Cong, BJP in MP spar over *Kanya Pujan*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE objection of Congress to the *Kanya Pujan* of minor girls — couple of them wearing saffron turbans — by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in the bypoll-bound Raigaon (SC) constituency has kicked up a political row in the central Indian state.

On Friday, the CM had performed *Kanya Pujan* of minor girls to mark Dussehra festivities during the poll campaign in Raigaon. Picking up the matter, Congress leader Narendra Saluja had questioned why two girls were made to wear turbans resembling the colour of BJP flag.

"We don't have objection to *Kanya Pujan*, but object to politicisation of the ritual. By making the girls wear turbans resembling the colour of BJP flag, the CM has politicised the *Kanya Pujan*. Where is the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), which had written to administration for acting against Congress leader Ajay Singh over remarks about children consuming drugs," Saluja tweeted on Friday. Now the same tweet has been made into a weapon by the ruling BJP.

"*Kanya Pujan* is our proud tradition, but the Congress is against it. We will perform it, not once but multiple times," the state BJP chief said on Saturday. On Sunday, it was the CM's own turn to target the Congress over the issue. "The Congress leaders are opposing *Kanya Pujan* by me. Then what shall I do, perform Congress Pujan. *Kanya Pujan* is our long-standing proud tradition. For me, Goddesses Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati are my sisters, and all daughters symboilise *Devis* (goddesses)," he said.

NCPCR HAD SET GUIDELINES

The NCPCR had in 2017, issued guidelines, banning use of children in poll campaign or related works. It had recently written to Satna district collector to act against senior Congress leader Ajay Singh over his remarks about children consuming drugs

TWO DETAINED

Woman forced to take off burqa in MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A woman riding pillion on a scooter was forced to remove her *burqa* and *naqab* at Bhopal outskirts by a group of people who suspected that she was travelling with a man from different religion.

Two videos of the episode went viral on Sunday, a day after it took place at Bhopal's outskirts. As per police sources, the perpetrators suspected the woman to be a Muslim. However, the identity of the two couldn't be ascertained. In the videos, the perpetrators can be heard blaming the woman for denigrating Islam and their community. Despite the woman crying and the man pleading not to remove the *burqa* and *naqab*, the tormentors, including a woman, force her to do so.

Acting on the basis of the viral videos, the police took two accused into preventive custody. The duo was produced before a court on Sunday, which released them on bail.

Chhattisgarh industries want 'first right' over coal

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

AMID reports of power plants facing coal shortage, Chhattisgarh-based industries, including those engaged in making aluminium and steel, have asserted that citizens living in the state have the "first right over its coal and power".

Seeking the intervention of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, associations of the industries stated that they flocked to the states which had huge deposits of natural resources, and Chhattisgarh had nearly 18 per cent of the nation's coal reserves. The states often promised the abundant availability of resources to attract industries and investments, hence it was the responsibility of the state governments to ensure them, they said.

Owing to such massive coal reserve, the state has over 250 various industrial units with captive power plants having 4,000 MW capacity.

Chhattisgarh's major industries reiterated that they were receiving insufficient supply of coal from the mines in the state. "Irrespective of the control of minerals by the Centre or the states, there has to be a balance in its distribution. Why should the coal produced in the state be sent outside while the industries here continue to struggle," said Pradeep Tandon, chairman of the state council of the Federation of Indian chambers of Commerce and Industries (FICCI).

3 hurt as car drives into Bhopal crowd

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

AFTER Chhattisgarh's Jashpur, a car knocked down people who were part of a Durga idol procession in Bhopal.

While three youngsters were hurt in the mishap that took place in Bajaria area on Saturday late night, one of them was seriously injured. Roshan Shakya, Surendra Sen and Yash Sahu were injured by the car reversing hastily in a crowded road after the driver had a brawl with a youth whom he had brushed a moment earlier.

A video of the car knocking down the trio and narrowly missing children went viral on social media. While Sen and Sahu were rendered primary treatment, Shakya was admitted to a private hospital and now stated to be stable.

According to Additional SP (ASP Bhopal Zone I) Ankit Jaiswal, the driver was arrested on Sunday and booked for rash and negligent driving. He added that the probe hasn't revealed any malafide intention on the part of the driver.

Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami pays homage to Subedar Ajay Singh Rautela and Naik Harendra Singh, who were killed by militants in Poonch | PTI

5 soldiers from U'khand martyred in three days

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

THE family of deceased Indian Army Subedar Ajay Rautela never thought they were seeing him for the last time when the armyman left home this August to perform his duties.

"My father was an embodiment of honesty, integrity and hard work. He always told us how these qualities were of utmost importance in everyone's life. Cruel fate has snatched him from us. All we want from the government and the army is to eliminate hatred and terrorism so that no more lives are lost," said 22-year-old Arun Rautela, the soldier's elder son.

The deceased subedar's father, Awwal Singh Rautela, who passed away five years ago, had also served in the army.

Subedar Rautela is survived by three sons — Arun , Sumit and Amit. Arun has completed his engineering while his two younger brothers are still in school. Deepak Rautela, the subedar's brother and a school teacher, said: "*Bhaiya* inspired us all to do good things, believe in hard work and uphold the highest standards of living."

Five soldiers from Uttarakhand have been killed between October 14 and 16 during clashes with militants in Kashmir.

Family of another martyr Naik Harendra Singh is shattered. Residents of Peepalsari village in Pauri district recalled his jolly nature and strong will. Naik Singh's father Chhavan Singh Rawat, a retired soldier, and mother Sarojini Devi are inconsolable. Rawat said he could not gather courage to tell his wife the news of their son's demise for hours.

Sain Singh, a resident of Peepalsari, said: "Naik Sahab was a real life hero. He was full of life, always donning a pleasant smile on his face."

Grief-struck father seeks compensation

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

"AT this age, when I should have died, my son Arvind has. This is unbearable." Devendra Sah fainted after saying this.

His 31-year-old son Arvind Kumar Sah was shot dead from point-bank range by terrorists in Srinagar on Saturday. He was a *gol gappa* seller. It was the second such killing in the same locality, 11 days after another *gol gappa* seller from Bihar, Birendra Paswan, was gunned down by terrorists.

"My son has left the family of 13 at the mercy of god. He was the lone breadwinner. God, why don't you take me instead of my son," the hapless father wailed after gaining consciousness. Arvind was 31.

Accompanied by family members who had come over to mourn Arvind's death, his father sought compensation from the government.

"I demand an assistance of ₹50 lakh and a government job for a member of the family. Our survival will become difficult if we don't get that." He also said the India-Pakistan T20 World Cup match slated for October 24 should be cancelled, implying that the terrorists are from across the border.

Devendra's elder son Vinod died of illness a year ago. The late Arvind has a younger brother Mukesh who does farming.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced an assistance of ₹2 lakh from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for the family. According to official sources, the J&K government has also announced an assistance of ₹11.25 lakh to the next kin of deceased.

Arvind had returned to Srinagar just three months ago, after the Covid-19 second wave subsided. He was plying his trade in Srinagar's Edgah area for the last six years. A large number of migrated residents of Bihar work in Srinagar as labourers, hawkers, masons and electricians. After the spate of civilian killings, many of them are leaving the Valley.

EXPRESS READ

Body of helicopter pilot retrieved from dam

Jammu: The body of a co-pilot of an Army helicopter that crashed and sank into Ranjit Sagar Dam in August was recovered from the water body in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, ending nearly two-and-a-half-month-long search for him, officials said. The mortal remains of Captain Jayant Joshi were fished out from the dam around 2 pm in one of the longest search operations in recent history.

Row over UP deputy speaker election

Lucknow: Nitin Agarwal, who was elected as a legislator on the Samajwadi Party ticket but then cozied up to the ruling BJP, is all set to be the deputy speaker of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly with the support of the saffron party. A miffed SP, which has fielded Narendra Verma as its official candidate, hit out at the BJP, accusing it of trying to sabotage democracy, and asserted the post should traditionally go to Opposition.

CROSS-BORDER ISSUE

BJP Yuva Morcha workers protest against the alleged attack on an ISKCON temple in Bangladesh, in front of Vivekananda House in Kolkata on Sunday | PTI

GOVERNMENT STUDY

Human activities take a toll on king of snakes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Dehradun

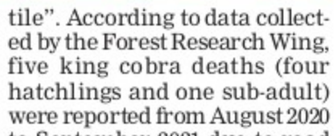
A study by the Uttarakhand forest department has identified vehicular traffic, forest fires and other anthropogenic activities as threats to king cobra population in the hill state.

The study focussed on Nainital district which has a high population of the reptile.

Research scholar Jyoti Prakash Joshi said: "King cobra is a very shy animal. May be because of this, there are no reported incidents of king cobra bite despite the district having a high population of the reptile". According to data collected by the Forest Research Wing, five king cobra deaths (four hatchlings and one sub-adult) were reported from August 2020 to September 2021 due to road kill/vehicular traffic. Asserting that the actual deaths of the species may be on higher side, the study added, "This appears to be the single biggest reason for unnatural deaths of king cobra in this region."

Joshi said to prevent king cobras from entering human habitation, it is important to involve local people in conservation programmes. Ruling out any threat due to trafficking, the study stated that no such case related to king cobra had been reported in the state.

Also, forest fires could be indirectly affecting the king cobras. Often the snake builds nest using Chir Pine needle, which is susceptible to fire. However, as per records, no king cobra death has been recorded due to forest fires. "The snake generally feeds on rat snakes which are dependent on small rodents. Fires can affect these rodents, resulting in prey shortage," the study said.



FOREST FIRES COINCIDE WITH NESTING PERIOD

Forest fires could be indirectly affecting the king cobra population as the blaze coincides with the snake's nesting period — April to June

Special facility for senior citizens in city

The Chandigarh administration has set up a specialised corner — Plaza Baithak — at Sector 17 Plaza for senior citizens. It has been developed by the Chandigarh branch of the Indian Red Cross Society. The timing will be between 11 am and 7 pm. There is a makeshift seating arrangement for around 25 persons, along with a provision for daily newspapers, magazines and some indoor games. A few physiotherapy modalities are also being provided for safe and effective physical activities. The aim behind the facility is to make the elderly people feel important by giving them a special place to relax and spend quality time.

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Crackdown on usage of single-use plastic

The Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee (CPCC) is all set to launch a crackdown on shopkeepers selling or using single-use plastic during the festival season. The pollution watchdog will issue an advisory to all sweet shops against using the banned plastics and give them a handout with colour photographs of such items. Strict action would be initiated against the traders, if any violation of the norms are found out by the officials. The Chandigarh administration in September 2019 had imposed a ban on single-use plastic items, including cutlery, thermocol or styrofoam cutlery, containers, sealed drinking water glasses, single-use razors, single-use pens, wrapping sheets and plastic ribbons for decoration purpose.

Fewer birds likely at Sukhna Lake this year

The Sukhna Lake might not host many migratory birds this year owing to high water level caused by heavy rainfall in the last month. The water level is just a few points down from the danger mark and has remained unchanged. The migratory birds — waterfowl, barheaded geese, ruddy shell duck, pochard, mallard and wigeon — start arriving here in the third week of October. Now, they'll be attracted towards the shallow Nagar Van constructed three years ago. There have been a decrease in migratory birds arriving at the lake from 4,000 in 2017 to 1,500 in 2018 and 620 in 2019.

LIDAR mapping over, to help identify fastest routes to crime spots

The Chandigarh administration has completed the mapping of the city through the Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) technology. This technology will help in generating three-dimensional information and high accuracy map of any area. It will prove beneficial in various aspects of urban planning such as mapping of road networks and traffic management besides spatial representation of diseases, study of disease pattern, tourist inflow mapping, site suitability analysis for schools and educational institutions and help identify the fastest routes to places where crimes occur.

2 migrants killed and 21 disappeared after their boat capsized on Sunday off the Tunisian coast

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	22	15	HR	Los Angeles	30	17	SNY
Colombo	29	26	TDS	Melbourne	13	7	LR
Dhaka	30	26	TDS	Moscow	6	5	LR
Dubai	40	31	SNY	New York	25	18	SNY
Houston	38	25	SNY	Singapore	31	27	LC
Istanbul	30	20	SNY	Toronto	22	19	LC
London	20	10	LC	Washington	27	18	LC

Call for hunger strike as attacks on temples continue in Bangladesh

40 injured in clashes in Feni over Durga Puja footage, several Hindu-owned shops robbed

DHAKA

A Hindu temple has been vandalised in Bangladesh in a fresh case of communal unrest amidst days of violence unleashed by unidentified Muslim bigots who attacked the minority community's places of worship during the Durga Puja celebrations over alleged blasphemy, prompting a minority group to announce a country-wide hunger strike, media reports said on Sunday.

Hindu-owned temples and shops in Feni, about 157 kms from the country's capital, have been vandalised and robbed during fresh clashes on Saturday which broke out after an attack on demonstrators who were protesting against the attacks on Durga Puja venues in several places in Bangladesh, the *Dhaka Tribune* newspaper reported.

The clashes left at least 40 people, including the Officer Incharge Nizamuddin of Feni Model Police Station, injured, it said.

On Saturday night, authorities deployed additional police forces and the paramilitary force — Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), after several temples and businesses owned by Hindus were vandalised and robbed during clashes that lasted from 4.30 PM (local time) to midnight, the report said.

The report said that some miscreants on Saturday vandalised six idols at the Daniapara Maha Shoshan Kali Mandir in Rashunia union of Sirajdikhan upazila in Munshiganj, about 40 kms from here.

It said that protests against attacks and vandalism on Hindu temples during the Durga Puja celebrations continued across the country on Saturday, as did the vandalism that led to the public outcry.

Meanwhile in the country's southeastern port city of Chittagong, the Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council announced a sit-in and hunger strike from October 23 in protest against the attacks during the Durga Puja celebrations. The protest events will take place at Dhaka's Shahbagh and Chittagong's Andarkilla, the council's General Secretary Advocate Rana Dasgupta said at a press conference at the Chittagong Press Club. Before making the announcement, the forum observed a six-hour strike in Chittagong on Saturday. The Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad has demanded exemplary punishments for those involved in the rampant Vandalism, violence and mayhem that took place during the Durga Puja celebrations.

Milan Kanti Dutta, president of the forum, said that they would launch a tougher movement if the government did not pay heed to their demand.

"From the home minister to ruling party General Secretary Obaidul Quader, everybody has assured us saying they are informed about everything. If you know everything, why are you not punishing the culprits?" he asked. *PTI*

Muslims lock hands during a protest outside Bangladesh's main Baitul Mukarram Mosque in Dhaka on Saturday | AP

Lanka seeks $500 mn credit from India for fuel

COLOMBO

SRI Lanka has sought a $500 million credit line from India to pay for its crude oil purchases amid a severe foreign exchange crisis in the island nation.

The move came few days after energy minister Udaya Gammanpila warned that the current availability of fuel in the island nation can be guaranteed only till next January.

The state-run Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) owes nearly $3.3 billion to the two main government banks – Bank of Ceylon and People's Bank. The state oil distributors imports crude from West Asia and refined products from other areas, including Singapore. "We are currently engaged with the Indian High Commission here to obtain the facility ($500 credit line) under the India-Sri Lanka economic partnership arrangement," CPC Chairman Sumith Wijesinghe was quoted as saying by local news website *newsfirst.lk*. He said the credit would be utilised for purchasing petrol and diesel requirements. The energy secretaries of both India and Lanka are expected to sign an agreement for the loan soon, the report quoted Finance Secretary S R Attygalle as saying. *PTI*

ARMS RACE

Chinese hypersonic missile circles earth, leaves US stunned

WASHINGTON

CHINA has tested a new space capability with a hypersonic missile, the *Financial Times* reported on Saturday.

The report, citing multiple sources familiar with the test, said that Beijing in August launched a nuclear-capable missile that circled the Earth at low orbit before descending toward its target, which three sources said it missed by over 32 kilometers.

FT sources said the hypersonic glide vehicle was carried by a Long March rocket, launches of which it usually announces, though the August test was kept under wraps. The report added that China's progress on hypersonic weapons "caught US intelligence by surprise."

"We have no idea how they did this," a source told the UK newspaper.

Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said he would not comment on the specifics of the report but added: "We have made clear our concerns about the military capabilities China continues to pursue, capabilities that only increase tensions in the region and beyond. That is one reason why we hold China as our number one pacing challenge."

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Along with China, the United States, Russia and at least five other countries are working on hypersonic technology. Hypersonic missiles, like traditional ballistic missiles which can deliver nuclear weapons, can fly at more than five times the speed of sound.

But ballistic missiles fly high into space in an arc to reach their target, while a hypersonic flies on a trajectory low in the atmosphere, potentially reaching a target more quickly.

Crucially, a hypersonic missile is maneuverable (like the much slower, often subsonic cruise missile), making it harder to track and defend against.

While countries like the United States have developed systems designed to defend against cruise and ballistic missiles, the ability to track and take down a hypersonic missile remains a question.

China has been aggressively developing the technology, seeing it as crucial to defend against US gains in hypersonic and other technologies, according to a recent report by the US Congressional Research Service. The reported test comes as US-China tensions have mounted and Beijing has stepped up military activity near Taiwan. *AFP*

Children among 17 missionaries from US kidnapped in Haiti

SAN JUAN

A group of 17 missionaries including children was kidnapped by a gang in Haiti on Saturday, according to a voice message sent to various religious missions by an organisation with direct knowledge of the incident.

The missionaries were on their way home from building an orphanage, according to a message from Ohio-based Christian Aid Ministries.

"This is a special prayer alert," the one-minute message said. "Pray that the gang members would come to repentance," the message said. The message says the mission's field director is working with the US Embassy, and that the field director's family and one other unidentified man stayed at the ministry's base while everyone else visited the orphanage. No other details were immediately available.

A US government spokesperson said they were aware of the reports on the kidnapping.

"The welfare and safety of US citizens abroad is one of the highest priorities of the Department of State," the spokesperson said, declining further comment.

Meanwhile, a senior US official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the US is in touch with Haitian authorities to try to resolve the case.

Haiti is once again struggling with a spike in gang-related kidnappings that had diminished after President Jovenel Moïse was fatally shot at his private residence on July 7, and following a 7.2-magnitude earthquake that struck southwest Haiti in August and killed more than 2,200 people. Gangs have demanded ransoms ranging from a couple hundred dollars to more than $1 million, according to authorities. Last month, a deacon was killed in front of a church in the capital of Port-au-Prince and his wife kidnapped, one of dozens of people who have been abducted in recent months. At least 328 kidnapping victims were reported to Haiti's National Police in the first eight months of 2021, compared with a total of 234 for all of 2020, according to a report issued last month by the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti known as BINUH. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Bill Clinton's hospital discharge delayed

Orange: Former US president Bill Clinton spent a fourth night at a Southern California hospital where he is recovering from an infection but is expected to be released on Sunday after making great progress, Clinton's spokesman Angel Ure'a said. He said health indicators were "trending in the right direction." He has continued to make excellent progress over the past 24 hours, Ure'a said. Clinton, 75, was admitted on Tuesday with an infection unrelated to Covid. "He is in great spirits," said the statement.

Jailed American tycoon put on ventilator after catching Covid-19

WASHINGTON

US real estate mogul Robert Durst, sentenced to life in prison for killing his best friend, has been placed on a ventilator after becoming infected with Covid-19, according to a US media report published Saturday.

Defence Attorney Dick DeGuerin said he was notified that Durst was admitted after testing positive for the coronavirus. DeGuerin told multiple media outlets that Durst is on a ventilator. Additional details on his condition were not immediately made available.

Robert Durst

The Los Angeles Superior Court said in a statement Saturday that the court was notified someone present for the sentencing hearing for Durst on Thursday had tested positive for Covid-19. "As a result, the Court will follow CDC and LA County Department of Public Health guidelines for assessing close contacts of the infected individual," the statement read. No additional Covid-19 cases have been reported. Durst, 78, was sentenced on Thursday to life in prison without a chance of parole for the murder of his best friend more than two decades ago. Durst, who has numerous medical issues, sat in a wheelchair with a catatonic stare during much of the sentencing hearing. *Agencies*

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Technology Innovation Hub (TIH) **of IIIT Bangalore**, named COMET Foundation under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS), the Department of Science and Technology (DST) **calls for R&D proposals** in the areas given under Advanced Communication System. Please see the link for more details and the last date for submission. **Link: https://comet.iiitb.ac.in**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to general public that I, Sri. N. Ramesh, S/o. Narasimiah, residing at No. 4, Banaswadi Road, Cooke Town, Bengaluru-560005 had executed General Power of Attorney on 28.04.2016 in favour **Mr. N.S. Ramanj**, S/o. Late N.G. Srinivas at `Renaissance Landmark', No. 50, 17th Cross, 8th Main, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560055. For non compliance of contractual obligations and also for various reasons. I revoked the General Power of Attorney dated 28.04.2016 on 13.10.2021 by issuing Legal Notice to said N.S. Ramanj.

Hence it is hereby informed to the General Public to not to handle or transact with N.S. Ramanj, with regard to the schedule property on the strength of the aforesaid General Power of Attorney dated 28.04.2016 as I withdrawn all the powers as conferred under the said GPA dated 28.04.2016. Any person/s having any kind of claim, interest or right over the schedule property whatsoever, through Sri. N.S. Ramanj, with regard to the schedule property hereby stands cancelled and nullified without further reference.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing survey No. 53/2 situated at Thimmegowdana Hosahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru measuring 2 Acres 5 Guntas and bounded on.

East by: Land belonging to earlier B Munegowda and now M/s. Reniassance Holdings and Developers Private Limited.

West by: Land belonging to earlier Hegappa and Anjinappa and now M/s. Reniassance Holdings and Developers Private Limited.

North by: Land belongs to Munishamappa.

South by: Land belonging to earlier Pillanna and now M/s. Reniassance Holdings and Developers Private Limited.

Sd/-
(N. Ramesh)

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POSSESSION NOTICE

(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) [RULE 8(1)]

Whereas the under signed being the Authorised Officer of the Lakshmi Vilas Bank (Now DBS Bank India Limited), under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 25 Jun 2021 calling upon the borrower **(1) M/s Vinayak Cars Private Limited** (Borrower), #219/11, Palace Orchards, Sadashivnagar, Ballari Road, Ramana Maharshi Road, Bengaluru – 560080, Also at: #14, HDFC Bank, Langford Road, Richmond Road, Opp: Langford Gardens, Bengaluru – 560025, (2)Sri A. Suresh Kumar Bafna, (Director / Guarantor), S/o Sri Askaran Bafna, #A-104, Mantri Greens, #1, Sampige Road, Near Mantri Mall, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru – 560003, Also At: # C 1605, Mantri Greens, #1, Sampige Road, Near Mantri Mall, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru – 560003, (3)Sri N. Jayakumar, (Director / Guarantor), S/o Sri Nemichand Jain, #156, Trunk Road, Poonamallee, Thiruvallur District, Chennai – 600056, Tamil Nadu, (4) Smt Rajakumari J, (Director / Guarantor), W/o Sri Jayakumar, #156, Trunk Road, Poonamallee, Thiruvallur District, Chennai – 600056, Tamil Nadu, (5) Sri Mahaveer Chand Bafna, (Director / Guarantor), S/o Sri Askaran Bafna, #46, Vinobaji Street, Mannargudi – 614001, Thiruvarur District, Tamil Nadu, Also at: 158/7, Sydenham's Road, Periamet, Chennai-600003, (6) Smt Narayani Pratap (Director / Guarantor), W/o Sri A. Prathap Bafna, #1, Big Bazar Street, 156, Mannargudi – 614001, Thiruvarur District, Tamil Nadu to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being ₹9,36,74,135.84 (Rupees nine crore thirty six lac seventy four thousand one hundred thirty five and paise eighty four only) as on 24 Jun 2021 and interest from 31 May 2021 and charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The same was returned unserved/unaccepted and was published in the Business Standard Chennai and Hyderabad Edition, Dinamani in Chennai and Nagapattanam Edition, Prajashakti Thirupathi edition, the New Indian Express and Samykta Karnataka Bengaluru editions on 26.07.2021.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and public in general, that the under signed has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him /her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules on this **13 Oct 2021.**

The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Lakshmi Vilas Bank (Now DBS Bank India Limited), City Market Branch, for an amount of ₹9,87,27,784.17 (Rupees nine crore eighty seven lakhs twenty seven thousand seven hundred eighty four and paisa seventeen only) as on 11 Oct 2021 and interest from 30 Sep 2021 and charges thereon.

The borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of land situated at Chittoor District, Vijayapuram Mandal No. 47, Maharajapuram Village, comprised in Dry S. No. 114/1B, with an extent of 1 Acre 98 cent, Dry S. No. 165/2B1, with an extent of 4 cent, Dry S. No. 165/2B2, with an extent of 3 Acre 21 cent, and Dry S. No. 165/2B4 with an extent of 3 Acre 47 cent, situated within the registration District of Sri Balaji and sub-registration District of Pichatur, standing in the name of Sri N. Jayakumar S/o Sri N. Nemichand.

Dry S. No. 114/1B, with an extent of 1 Acre 22 cent, Dry S. No. 165/2B1, with an extent of 4 cent Bound: On the East by land belonging to Renuka Textile Processors Limited, On the West by Maharajapuram Road, On the North by lands belonging to Sri Veeraraghavulu, On the South by land belonging to Renuka Textile Processors Limited.

Dry S. No. 165/2B2, with full extent of 2 Acres 00 cent, Bound: On the East by land belonging to Renuka Textile Processors Limited, On the West by Maharajapuram Road and land belonging to Smt V. Rajeswari, On the South by land belonging to Renuka Textile Processors Limited, On the North by land belonging to Renuka Textile Processors Limited and land belonging to Smt V. Rajeswari.

Dry S. No. 165/2B2, with extent of 1 Acre and 21 cent and S. No. 114/1B with extent of 76 cent, Bound: On the East by Cheravu drainage Kalva Paramboku, On the West by Maharajapuram Village road, On the South by all types of land belonging to Sri Veeraraghavulu, On the North by land belonging to Renuka Textile Processors Limited.

Dry S. No. 165/2B4, with full extent of 3 Acre and 47 cent, bound: On the East by Cheravu kaluju Kalva Paramboku, On the West by land belonging to Smt V. Rajeswari, On the South by land belonging to Renuka Textile Processors Limited, On the North by land belonging to the seller and Tiruttani Chennai Trunk Road.

Date : 13 Oct 2021
Place : Bengaluru

AUTHORISED OFFICER,
Lakshmi Vilas Bank (NOW DBS BANK INDIA LIMITED),
Regional Office, Bengaluru

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001.
E-Mail id : crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following properties mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of the undermentioned security debts due to the Bank, together with further interest and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors mentioned herein below:

PART - 1

Name of the Borrowers: No.1) M/s. Confident Group, No.187 A, First Floor, 2nd Cross, Minaj Nagar, Bendra Nagar, Kadirenahalli, Bengaluru - 560070. **No.2) Mr. N. Thyagaraju,** S/o. Narayana Babu, No.301, Aishwarya Bills, 7th Cross, Shakambari Nagar, Sarakki Main Road, J.P. Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru - 560078. **No.3) Mrs. Suma Thyagaraju,** W/o. N. Thyagaraju, No.301, Aishwarya Bills, 7th Cross, Shakambari Nagar, Sarakki Main Road, J.P. Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru -560078. **No.4) M/s. Banasri Infra,** No.187 A, First Floor, 2nd Cross, Minaj Nagar, Bendra Nagar, Kadirenahalli, Bengaluru - 560070.

Outstanding Liability Amount : Rs.66,69,818/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen Only) as on **11-10-2021** plus accrued interest to be charged from **12-10-2021** plus other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors.

Note : 1) That our **139-Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (FITL - ADHOC:501912090017481) dated **07-09-2020** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which No.3 of you stood as Co-obligant and No. 2 and 3 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 2,01,000/-** at a ROI of **13%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **29-01-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **11-10-2021** is **Rs. 2,29,296/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **12-10-2021** till the date of realization.

2) That our **139-Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (FITL - ADHOC:501912090017482) dated **07-09-2020** requested by No.4 of you represented by No. 3 of you as Proprietrix for which No.2 of you stood as Co-obligant and No. 2 and 3 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 2,01,000/-** at a ROI of **13%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **29-01-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **11-19-2021** is **Rs. 2,24,161/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **12-10-2021** till the date of realization.

Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank	Reserve Price	Date & Time of Auction
(Property Owned by Mrs. Suma Thyagaraju, W/o. N. Thyagaraju) All that piece and parcel of the Northern portion of the immovable Residential Building property bearing Site No.3, VP Khatha, No.279, Present BBMP Khatha No.279/3/564 situated at Kothanur Village, Utharahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP together with all rights and appurtenances whatsover whether underneath or above the surface measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 20 feet totally measuring 600 sq.feet. Boundaries : East by : Pvt. Property, West By : Road, North by : Site No.2, South by : Remaining portion of the same site No.3 together, with 12 sq. of RCC Roofed Residential Building comprising of Ground Floor 4 sq., First Floor 4 sq. and Second Floor 4 sq. with Granite Flooring, Cement and Brick Walls, Teakwood Doors and Jungle Wood provided with all basic civic amenities such as Electricity, Water and Sanitation facilities.	₹ 65,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakh Only)	26-11-2021 at 01.00 p.m.

PART - 2

Name of the Borrowers: No.1) M/s. Krishna Cement Blocks and Cements, No.770/2, Gerehalli, Hosakrehalli Main Road, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560085. **No.2) Mr. K. Ramadas,** S/o. Munirathnam, No.334/1, 2nd Floor, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Bengaluru - 560085. **No.3) Mrs. K. Bhanupriya,** W/o. K. Ramadas, No.334/1, 2nd Floor, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Bengaluru - 560085.

Outstanding Liability Amount : Rs.68,86,919/- (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen Only) as on **11-10-2021** plus accrued interest to be charged from **12-10-2021** plus other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors.

Note : 1) That our **139-Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (FITL - ADHOC:501912090017460) dated **24-09-2020** requested by No.1 of you represented by No. 2 of you as Proprietor for which No.3 of you stood as Co-obligant and Nos. 2 and 3 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 3,90,000/-** at a ROI of **12.5%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **05-12-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **11-10-2021** is **Rs. 4,49,407/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **12-10-2021** till the date of realization.

2) That our **139-Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080062603) dated **30-03-2020** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which No.3 of you stood as Co-obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 20,00,000/-** at a ROI of **14.5%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **05-12-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **11-10-2021** is **Rs. 25,43,418/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **12-10-2021** till the date of realization.

Description of the Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank	Reserve Price	Date & Time of Auction
(Property Owned by Mr. K. Ramadas, S/o. Munirathnam) All that piece and parcel of the southern portion of the property bearing Site No.3, V.P. Khatha No.279, Present BBMP Khatha No.279/564/3, Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West 30 ft. and North to South 20 ft. totally measuring 600 sq.ft. Boundaries : East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Remaining portion of the same Site No.3, South by : Site No.4 with building comprising Three Floors each measuring 4 Squares.	₹ 60,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Lakh Only)	26-11-2021 at 02.00 p.m.

Venue of Tender-cum-Auction: City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch, 194, Ground Floor, 7th Cross, I Stage, Indira Nagar, Bangaluru – 560038. Telephone No.080-25205030, Cell No. 9341003179.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch, 194, Ground Floor, 7th Cross, I Stage, Indira Nagar, Bangaluru - 560038. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon for PART - 1 & on or before 01.00 p.m. for PART - 2. (4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **Telephone No.080-25205030, Cell No. 9341003179. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed Tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m. for PART - 1 & 02.00 p.m. for PART - 2** properties on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the Sale will be by way of closed Tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an open auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed Tender process, and in such an event, the Sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of **City Union Bank Limited. (7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam
Date : 16-10-2021

Authorised Officer
City Union Bank Ltd.

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

₹1,472 core Pulled out from Indian markets by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in October so far

Why your insurance claim may get rejected

Insurance companies have many 'exclusions' and 'exceptions' under which insurers are not liable to pay claims

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

A communication between a general insurance company and the nominee of a person who had bought a policy from the former has become viral on social media.

The letter communicates the reason for rejection of accidental death claim. In the letter, the insurer has expressed its regret for declining the claim as the insured was riding a 346 CC bike and as per policy terms, the claim is not payable for any bodily injury sustained for riding a bike over 150 CC.

The claim rejection letter, more so the reason cited for it, could have come as a shock for the grief-stricken family which has lost one of its members to an unfortunate accident. The family might now have to go knocking at the Insurance Ombudsman or consumer court to battle it out with the insurer, if they have the patience and resources to do so.

Jitendra Solanki, a Delhi-based SEBI-registered investment advisor, says he is not sure if this is a standard clause (rejection based on engine capacity of the bike), but this shows how minutely one needs to read the policy documents.

To ensure such a fate does not befall on you or your family members, it would be wise to be more vigilant while buying an insurance policy—life or non-life. Insurance companies have many 'exclusions' and 'exceptions' or situations under which insurers are not liable to pay claims. Often, these exclusions are not well highlighted by insurance companies as much as they highlight the benefits of the plans. But knowing these exclusions or fine prints may save your family from many hassles in the future.

Here are some little-known reasons for which your non-life insurance policy claims might get rejected:

Motor Insurance

- Driving under inebriated condition: If the insurer can establish that the accidental damage to the car or bike was caused due to drunken driving.
- Use of a private car for commercial purpose: If your private car gets damaged while being used for commercial purpose as private and commercial vehicles are covered by insurers under different set of rules
- Vehicle not driven by the insured: At the time of accident, if the vehicle was not driven by the insured himself/herself, even if he/she was in the vehicle.
- Driver's license has expired: At the time of damage caused to the vehicle or injury caused to the driver, if the driving license had expired.
- Overloading of the vehicle: If your car had more passengers than it is capable of carrying or you were triple riding your bike at the time of an accident.
- Not informing about changes made in the car/vehicle: Often people get additional electronic/electrical and or CNG kits fitted in the car. You should inform the insurer about the changes made in the car, else any claims in future may get rejected.

Home Insurance

- Day to day wear and tear: Insurer will not pay for the losses incurred to your house due to daily wear and tear, and damages that need repairing or replacement.
- Lack of proof of damage: The insurer needs proof beyond doubt that there indeed have been damages to the house. You must be able to provide them documentary and photographic proof of the damages for hassle-free claims.

Health Insurance

- Pre-existing diseases: All health insurance companies have a largely standard policy in terms of not covering certain pre-existing diseases such as high blood pressures, diabetes, thyroid, etc. immediately. Most insurers start covering them only after a waiting period that could be 2-4 years.
- Exclusions: Like in most other insurances, health insurance also does not cover certain diseases or conditions like OPD and maternity expenses, dental cure, cosmetic treatments, injury incurred due to attempted suicide, etc.

So, in the future if you want to avoid any hassles while getting insurance claim settled, make sure you look beyond the benefits of an insurance policy highlighted by the insurer and read the fine prints.

LOOK BEYOND WHAT'S HIGHLIGHTED

Almost 15% of motor and health insurance claims get rejected on an average by insurance companies

Do not get carried away by the big claims of insurers, and do read the fine prints and list of exclusions

MAINTAIN ALL THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND PROOF OF DAMAGES OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS HANDY IN ORDER NOT TO GET YOUR CLAIMS REJECTED

Be honest with your disclosures while buying an insurance policy, hiding facts may prove to be a big hurdle at the time of claim settlement

In case of private insurers, claim rejections in case of motor and health insurance is close to 25%

MONEY-WISE

SCANNING ASSET CLASSES TO FIND A SOLUTION

WITH the Equity Markets rising as though pumped by steroids, there seems to be a feeling of uneasy giddiness among many market participants, of the kind one feels while riding a roller-coaster. While the upward ride is exhilarating, it seems to be the fear of the vertical drop that could follow that is causing the unease. Are there alternative routes to soften the landing? To address these concerns, let us turn the spotlight onto the present state of some of the traditional and more popular asset classes.

The most popular asset class in India, even today remains debt. With the rapid slashing of interest rates over the last few years, the traditional avenue of Bank Fixed Deposits has taken a bit of a beating and Senior Citizens especially have borne the brunt of the low Fixed-Deposit rates on offer. With Inflation estimates rising and an interest rate hike inevitable even if deferred, this traditional investment avenue remains a troubled bastion.

Following a series of mishaps culminating in a big and messy one, the debt offerings of mutual fund houses are yet to regain full investor confidence, notwithstanding some belated risk containment measures initiated by the regulator. Some money that might have otherwise flowed into these mutual funds have found their way into some of the guaranteed return offerings of insurance companies whose tax-free tag and added insurance cover make them more attractive to investors. Then there is, of course, a plethora of traditional savings offerings from the government, albeit with investment caps that remain popular among investors.

Another popular sub-asset class in India especially, is Gold. With Gold prices plummeting to lows, following the resurgence of equities and oil prices, there is some smart money accumulating the yellow metal in its more liquid investment forms via Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) as well as the mutual-fund route. It continues to remain a hedge alongside large equity holdings to cushion portfolios in the event of a vertical fall in equities.

The highest profile, even if somewhat minimally invested asset class in India remains Equity. The general consensus or shall we say apprehension, is that a correction is round the corner. It well may be so and those that believe it would do well to seek a switch to either safer debt instruments or equity offerings carrying lower risk by employing an inbuilt hedge mechanism. One can, of course, also always take the view that historically most corrections have almost inevitably been followed by a rebound and hence, if one has no pressing near-term need for the invested funds, stay invested.

Though non-traditional, an emerging asset class that many young people are gravitating to is Crypto-currencies. While I don't claim expertise in Crypto-currencies, its acceptance as legal tender in some parts of the world suggests that the concept could grow, subject to regulatory approval. Given its extreme volatility though, tread carefully till then.

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WHAT IS NEW IN THE CRYPTO WORLD ?

RAJAS KELKAR

AMIT BANDRE

POPULAR Bollywood star Salman Khan is a brand ambassador for a non-fungible token (NFT) mobile app. These tokens use distributed ledger technology or blockchain to record the ownership of a creative asset. They can be traded on a global platform like Ethereum. Cricketer Dinesh Karthik created a digital asset from the video of the last ball six he hit three years ago against Bangladesh to win a trophy for India. The video had 212 million (21.2 crores) views on YouTube. That token is up for an auction.

The popularity of crypto assets is growing. The market value surpassed $2.5 trillion in early May before falling 40% and then recovering to $2.1 trillion by September 2021, according to the Global Financial Stability Report published last week by the International Monetary Fund.

The annual meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund take place every year in October. All the finest economic minds discuss, debate the future of the world economy. The two global institutions release data that reviews the state of the world economy and risks to future growth. This column has always advocated taking a big-picture view of things. Your search for information should begin with reports from the two institutions released last week. It does not get more significant than the analysis put out by the two institutions. There is an extensive media spotlight on the macro-economic aspects. Global growth is set to slow, and there are significant inflation risks for the world economy. If you start adopting crypto assets and use them instead of currency, you are contributing a potential threat to the financial stability in an economy, according to the IMF report.

The Global Financial Stability Report released last week by the International Monetary Fund brings to light risks associated with the spread of crypto assets. These include fiscal risks to governments and systemic risks to the financial system.

"Threats to fiscal policy could also intensify, given the potential for crypto assets to facilitate tax evasion," said the IMF report. That could hurt government finances due to the loss of tax revenue. There is a good chance that money could be pulled out of traditional equity or bond markets. That could affect the foreign exchange markets. The report also argues that despite a significant surge in values of crypto assets, returns are less impressive when adjusted for volatility. The performance is similar to that of the U.S. technology companies or the S&P 500.

Cryptoization is a new term for the adoption of crypto assets. The IMF report suggests that an increased usage can reduce the ability of central banks to implement monetary policy effectively.

A primary reason for cryptoization or people to adopt crypto assets could be due to the weak credibility of the central banks. A primary function of a central bank like the Reserve Bank of India is to monitor the money supply in an economy to control inflation. However, inflation can spiral in emerging economies as banks could keep interest rates low to stimulate faster growth. In many countries, banking systems are vulnerable due to reckless lending and non-performing assets. The public confidence in the banking system is low. Inefficient payment systems and limited access to financial services could also be why people are taking to crypto assets.

Many choose crypto assets like stablecoin or others for their low correlation with other assets.

They justify it by arguing that it is suitable for diversification. The IMF report further states that the correlation between these crypto-assets and some key asset classes increased significantly during recent episodes of market stress (for example, the Covid-19 sell-off in 2020). "The diversification benefit could also decline over time if there is the continued involvement of institutional holders that are affected by common factors," it adds.

What it means to you

There is always that temptation to make fast money. However, it is essential to be aware of the risks involved. Nobody can stop you from taking risks.

The important thing is to be mindful of the challenges you could face if there is an upheaval in the global financial system. Risk diversification is a good idea. However, it may be a good idea to designate only a portion of your investments for new bets.

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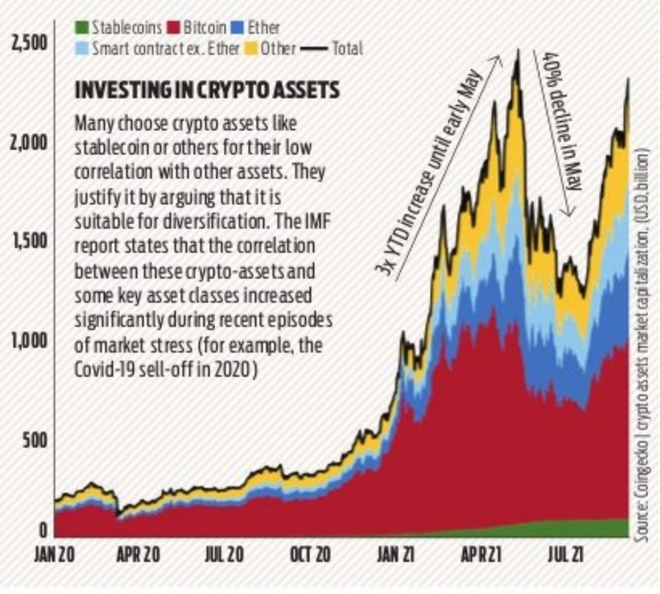
Phenomenal growth

The market value of crypto assets surpassed $2 trillion in September 2021



EXPRESS READ

'Onion cost being stabilised by buffer stock release'

New Delhi: Amid a rise in prices of three key vegetables, the Centre on Sunday said onion prices are being stabilised with the release of buffer stock, while efforts are on to soften the rates of tomato and potato. Onion stocks are being released in the market on the first-in-first-out basis in a calibrated manner from the last week of August to moderate prices and ensure minimum storage loss, it said. Thus, the retail onion price was ruling in the range of ₹42-57 per kg in metros on October 14. The all-India average retail price of onion was ruling at ₹37.06 per kg ,while the average wholesale rate was Rs 30 per kg on October 14, it added.

Gold imports jump multi-fold to $24 bn in Apr-Sep

New Delhi: Gold imports, which have a bearing on the current account deficit, zoomed to about $24 billion during April-September 2021 due to higher demand in the country, according to data from the Commerce Ministry. Imports of the yellow metal was $6.8 billion in the corresponding period last year, the data showed. Gold imports during September this year too rose to $5.11 billion as against $601.4 million in the same month last year. On the other hand, silver imports dipped by 15.5% to $619.3 million during April-September this fiscal. However, during September, these imports jumped to $552.33 million as against $9.23 million in September 2020.

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Q2 likely to be healtlhy for telcos

New Delhi: The second quarter of the fiscal is likely to be a "healthy quarter" for telecom companies, where Jio's performance will be driven by subscriber additions, and Bharti and Vodafone Idea will benefit from tariff hikes and some recovery post-severe wave of Covid-19, according to some analysts, PTI reported. The urgency around tariff hikes has come down with Vodafone Idea Ltd's (VIL) near-term cash outflow significantly reduced, IIFL Securities said. "Second quarter is likely to be a healthy quarter for telcos, though the drivers would be different for Jio and other players," IIFL Securities said in a recent note.

Fuel prices hiked again; cost 30% more than ATF

NEW DELHI: Petrol and diesel price on Sunday was hiked again by 35 paise a litre and the auto fuels now cost a third more than the rate at which ATF is sold to airlines.

The fourth straight day of 35 paise per litre hike sent petrol and diesel rates to record highs across the country.

The price of petrol in Delhi rose to its highest-ever level of ₹105.84 a litre and ₹111.77 per litre in Mumbai, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

In Mumbai, diesel now comes for ₹102.52 a litre; while in Delhi, it costs ₹94.57.

With this rise, petrol is now at ₹100-a-litre mark or more in all state capitals while diesel has touched the 100-mark in over a dozen states. Diesel crossed the ₹100-a-litre mark in Bengaluru, Daman and Silvassa.

Petrol used in two-wheelers and cars now costs 33% more than the price at which aviation turbine fuel (ATF) is sold to airlines. ATF in Delhi costs ₹79,020.16 per kilolitre or ₹79 per litre.

The costliest fuel is in the border town of Ganganagar in Rajasthan where petrol comes for ₹117.86 a litre and diesel for ₹105.95.

Since ending of a three-week long hiatus in rate revision in the last week of September, this is the 16th increase in petrol price and the 19th time that diesel rates have gone up.

While petrol price in most of the country is already above ₹100-a-litre mark, diesel rates have crossed that level in over a dozen states/UT including Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Chattisgarh, Bihar, Kerala, Karnataka and Ladakh.

prices differ from state to state depending on the incidence of local taxes. *PTI*

Bull run expected to continue this week amid strong quarterly earning show

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE market scaled new highs last week with the Nifty50 surpassing 18,000 and the BSE Sensex scaling above the 61,000-mark for the first time. The 30-share index added 1,246.89 points or 2.08% to end the Friday session at record closing high of 61,305.95, while the Nifty50 closed at 18,338.55 with 443.35 points or 2.48% gains.

According to market experts, the momentum is expected to continue in the market with the ongoing corporate earnings season showing strong growth numbers. The market on Monday will first react to HDFC Bank and Avenue Supermarts' quarterly earnings announced on October 16.

"We are seeing an unprecedented bull run where valorous bulls are marching towards the 18500 level, ignoring all worries of inflation and rising bond yields where we haven't seen any major pullback for a long time," said Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investmart.

According to Meena, technically, 18500 (for Nifty) is an immediate and psychological hurdle while 18700 will be the upsloping trendline resistance. On the downside, 18250 is an immediate support level while 18000-17950 will be the critical support zone at any correction.

He added that IT sector may underperform as it is forming lower highs and lower lows formation while Metal sector is witnessing fresh expansion phase and may see good gain ahead. PSU banks may also continue their strength in the coming days.

The quarterly earnings season will be in full swing this week as nearly 200 companies will declare their Q2FY22 results. The most anticipated ones are UltraTech Cement, ACC, Hindustan Unilever, Nestle India, Asian Paints, Yes Bank, JSW Steel, TVS Motor Company, HDFC Life, L&T Infotech, Havells India, Jubilant Foodworks, Biocon, PVR, Tata Consumer Products, Reliance Industries, ICICI Bank among other ones.

Sameet Chavan (Chief Analyst-Technical and Derivatives, Angel One Ltd) also said that this rally has been relentless in nature and they must admit that it has overshot their expectations by a fair margin.

Britain's Norrie enters ATP Indian Wells final

Cameron Norrie dominated Grigor Dimitrov 6-2, 6-4 Saturday at the ATP Indian Wells Masters to book his spot in Sunday's championship match and become the first British finalist since 2009. Norrie will face the winner of the other semi-final between Georgia's Nikoloz Basilashvili and crowd favourite Taylor Fritz of the United States.

PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

Putting family's hockey legacy behind him, Bhopal's Ayaan makes Oman debut

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

LIKE his famed cousin, Aslam Sher Khan, India's original super sub and hockey World Cup winner and Olympian, Bhopal's Ayaan Mohammed Khan along with his elder brother Amaan Mohammed Khan wanted to represent the country at the highest level.

Around a dozen from his extended family including Ahmed Sher Khan, Aslam's father and 1936 Olympic gold medallist, had already played hockey at the national and international level by then adding to the rich legacy of the family. With cricket gaining popularity following India's historic triumph in the 1983 World Cup, the duo, picked up cricket bats instead of hockey in the 90s.

After playing age-group cricket for Madhya Pradesh, Ayaan even broke into the senior state squad for the Ranji Trophy but warmed the bench before making his debut in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy in the 2015-16 season. His only wicket from the match came when 2021 IPL sensation Venkatesh Iyer took a catch off his bowling to dismiss Assam's Jamaluddin Syed Mohammad.

However, the opportunities started to dry up and in 2017 he decided to migrate to Oman in search of a better future in cricket. "It was a tough call as he was already 25 by then and he wanted to play regularly, which is why he moved there," brother Amaan told this daily from Bhopal.

The 29-year-old Ayaan served the three-year cooling-off period playing domestic cricket in Oman and last month made his entry into the national team on the basis of good performances in local cricket. While he made his ODI debut against Nepal last month, he played his first T20I on Sunday in the T20 World Cup as Oman crushed debutants Papua New Guinea by 10 wickets in Al Amerat, Muscat. He didn't get to bat or bowl but took a catch off pacer Bilal Khan to dismiss Simon Atai. "Despite playing for Madhya Pradesh, he was not selected in the Bhopal team. He even thought of giving up the sport but our coach Jyoti Prakash Tyagi convinced him to hang on. Tyagi sir instead asked him to move to Oman and ensured a smooth passage for him through one of his acquaintances there. Soon he was offered a job by Muscat-based Khimji Ramdas Group (KR) and got a two-year job visa for the country," added Amaan. A left-hand middle-order batter and slow left-arm orthodox spinner, Ayaan has played five ODIs for Oman scoring 106 runs and scalping eight wickets so far. Besides, he has also represented Oman in four T20s — two played against Sri Lanka and one each against Namibia and the Netherlands — in the lead up to the showpiece event being staged after five years. "It would have been great to see him playing for India. But representing Oman in the T20 World Cup is also a big achievement especially because he is living his dream by playing cricket."

Ayaan last visited Bhopal to attend Amaan's wedding before the pandemic led to global lockdown last year. The brother hopes Ayaan comes calling soon — this time enriched with the experience of playing at the highest level.

Brief scores: PNG 129/9 in 20 overs (Vala 56, Maqsood 4/20, Bilal 2/16) lost to Oman 131 for no loss in 13.4 overs (Jatinder 73 n.o, Ilyas 50 n.o).

Greaves stars to help Scotland edge Bangladesh

AL AMERAT (OMAN): Chris Greaves' all-round show (45; 2/19) helped Scotland beat Bangladesh by six runs in their Group B opener of the T20 World Cup first round here on Sunday. Thanks to Greaves' effort, Scotland posted 140/9. In reply, Bangladesh finished at 134/7. **Brief scores:** Scotland 140/9 in 20 ovs (Munsey 29, Greaves 45; Mahedi 3/19, Shakib 2/17) **bt** Bangladesh 134/7 in 20 ovs (Mushfiqur 38).

BCCI invites applications for India support staff

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

AFTER convincing Rahul Dravid to take up the men's head coach role, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Sunday officially began the process to appoint support staff for the Indian team. The BCCI has issued advertisements for the position of head coach, batting, fielding and bowling coaches along with head of sports science/medicine for the National Cricket Academy.

With Dravid all but certain to replace Ravi Shastri as head coach, it would be interesting to see if he has any competition or he gets picked on the basis of being a sole applicant.

The basic qualification for the position of head coach is candidate should have played 30 Tests or 50 ODIs or head coach of a full member Test playing nation, for a minimum period of 2 years or head coach of an Associate member /IPL team or equivalent international leagues/ first-class teams/national A teams, for a minimum period of 3 years; or should have BCCI Level 3 Certification or equivalent.

And as expected, the head coach will also need to work closely with the head of cricket at the NCA, a position which will see a new face if Dravid takes over. It is understood that a former India captain has showed interest to be the head of cricket at the NCA, but has a conflict tangle to address. There are also indications that should Vikram Rathour doesn't show interest in continuing as batting coach of the Indian team, he may be considered for head of cricket at the NCA.

Although the BCCI has advertised for batting, fielding and bowling coach roles, it is understood that the head coach will be given the freedom to choose personnel depending on his requirement. If Dravid takes up the role, there may not be a need for a specialist batting coach, but among the current support staff only Rathour has shown interest to continue and has had positive effect on the team.

While all things point out to Paras Mhambrey becoming the bowling coach, there is likely to be competition for the fielding coach position. Former Delhi and Railways player Abhay Sharma is someone who has worked alongside Dravid in the A team and Under-19 levels. In 2016, he did take up the fielding coach position of the senior men's team, but the BCCI soon went back to R Sridhar. And more recently after being named as fielding coach of the India women's team for the tour of England, he was replaced by Subhadeep Ghosh for the Australia tour. The name of former India batsman Mohammad Kaif, who was an excellent fielder during his playing days and has been assistant coach at Delhi Capitals in the IPL, is doing the rounds.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Chhetri lauds youngsters after India's triumph

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A MAJOR reason for India's triumph in the SAFF Championship was the performance of Sunil Chhetri. The talismanic Indian skipper had almost single-handedly led the team to the title with decisive goals.

However, the 37-year-old chose to divert the attention towards the emerging players as India beat Nepal 3-0 in the final on Saturday to lift a record eighth title. "Look at the youngsters — it feels good for all of them. It's all due to their hard work," he told the All India Football Federation.

After Chhetri had opened the scoring, youngsters Suresh Singh and Sahal Abdul Samad scored for the Blue Tigers in the final. The veteran singled out the two out and lavished praise on them while urging them to continue improving. "I enjoyed watching that (goal from Sahal). Suresh, of all the things you copy from me, this is up there. Make it a habit," he said. However, nothing could mask the fact that after a slow start to their SAFF campaign, the team was heavy reliant on Chhetri to bail them out. After drab draws against Bangladesh and Sri Lanka to start their campaign, it was Chhetri who scored against Nepal in their third game to lift the team, before they coasted past Maldives.

EXPRESS READ

Shiva for IOC Athletes' Commission election

NEW DELHI: Star Indian luger Shiva Keshavan will seek to become a member of the International Olympic Committee's Athletes Commission when the elections are held during the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics.

Shafali, Radha star in WBBL

HOBART: India's Shafali Verma struck a half-century and Radha Yadav scalped two batters in Sydney Sixers' five-wicket win in the Women's Big Bash League but Poonam Yadav's effort did not yield a desired result as her team Brisbane Heat lost. Opener Shafali struck 57 off 50 balls in Sixers' successful run chase against Hobart Hurricane, who made 125/9. Apart from Shafali's knock, Sixers skipper Ellyse Perry hit 27 runs off 33 balls.

IOC voices Oly concern at FIFA's biennial WC plan

GENEVA: The International Olympic Committee said it has 'concerns' about FIFA's push for soccer World Cups every two years. The IOC stepped in on Saturday after meeting in Athens to detail objections it shared with soccer stakeholders.

Kuttappa hoping to help puglisits excel

ANMOL GURUNG @Chennai

AFTER an underwhelming performance by the Indian boxers during the Tokyo Olympics, some changes were inevitable. After conducting a review, the Boxing Federation of India — governing body — enrolled fresh faces in the coaching staff including the head coach. The entire batch of male boxers, who were part of the quadrennial event, will be absent from the upcoming World Championships in Belgrade (Serbia), with the event coming a little too soon for most. Foreign coach Santiago Nieva is also walking a tightrope after getting just a two-month contract extension.

In this rebuilding phase, CA Kuttappa has been gradually embracing his new role, even though he feels 'it's just the change of title'. Kuttappa was the chief coach formerly and now has been designated to continue as a 'coach (Coordination)'. Along with other members of the coaching staff, he is looking to guide the pugilists ahead of the Worlds, which is due to begin from October 24 (bouts begin a day later).

"I'm mainly into administrative work. Most of the coaches including the head coach are new to their respective roles. They are understandably not aware of work that goes behind the scenes, like work related to attendance, insurance or making analysis and profiles of the boxers, to name a few. So I'll have to explain everything and delegate them different tasks," he explained.

"In terms of coaching, it is no different. It's just that the title is different, I'm doing more or less the same work (in terms of coaching)," he added.

A total of 52 men boxers, including Serbia-bound boxers, began training early last week in SAI NIS Patiala. Barring Shiva Thapa (63.3kg) and Sanjeet (92kg), the rest of the boxers will be making their debut at the elite meet.

"We have been explaining the possible situation they could encounter, ways to face them and the importance of being able to adapt to different situations. We don't have much time but we have been trying to make them more alert. The boxers have been highly attentive," the Dronacharya awardee said.

With most of them new at the elite level and given the level of competition, it will be unrealistic to expect the boxers to return with gold medals. However, Kuttappa is of the opinion that some of them could beat the odds to lift the country.

"He (Shiva Thapa) showed during the Asian Championships that he has plenty to offer. With more experience, he has become a better boxer. In the nationals, he faced some top fighters and beat them. We are hopeful that he can do well," he said Among young guns, he is eager to watch how Deepak Bhoria (51kg) and Akash (67kg) fare.

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Price, efficacy questions mar Alzheimer drug debut

Experts lash out at the prohibitive pricing of Aduhelm, which can run up to $50,000 a year; doctors seek study data to ascertain its efficacy

MEDICINE

THE first new Alzheimer's treatment in more than 20 years was hailed as a breakthrough when regulators approved it more than four months ago, but its rollout has been slowed by questions about its price and how well it works.

Several major medical centers remain undecided on whether to use Biogen's Aduhelm, which is recommended for early stages of the disease. Big names like the Cleveland Clinic and Mass General Brigham in Boston say they'll pass on it for now.

One neurology practice has even banned the company's sales reps from its offices, citing concerns about the drug and its price, which can climb past $50,000 annually.

Many doctors say they need to learn more about how Aduhelm works and what will be covered before they decide whether to offer it. That might take several months to sort out. Even then, questions may linger. "The drug won't be for everybody, even with access," said Salim Syed, an analyst who covers Biogen for Mizuho Securities USA. Syed estimates that only around one-tenth of the people diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer's may wind up taking Aduhelm chronically, especially if regulators approve similar treatments from Biogen's competitors.

Biogen, which reports third-quarter financial results Wednesday, is not saying how

many people have received the drug since it was approved on June 7. A company executive said last month that Biogen was aware of about 50 sites infusing Aduhelm, far fewer than the 900 the company had said it expected to be ready shortly after regulators approved the drug. Aduhelm is the first in a line of new drugs that promise to do what no other Alzheimer's treatment has managed: slow the progress of the fatal brain-destroying disease instead of just managing its symptoms.

"It's like a breath of fresh air," said Dr. Stephen Salloway, a Rhode Island neurologist and Biogen consultant who is prescribing the drug. People with Alzheimer's "know what's coming, and they want to do whatever they can to stay in the milder stage."

The US Food and Drug Administration approved Aduhelm despite objections from its own independent advisers, several of whom resigned. The agency later said the drug was appropriate for patients with mild symptoms or early-stage Alzheimer's.

Aduhelm clears brain plaque thought to play a role in Alzheimer's disease, and regulators made the call based on study results showing the drug seemed likely to benefit patients. Biogen, which developed Aduhelm with Japan's Eisai Co., had halted two studies on the drug due to disappointing results. It later said further analysis showed the treatment was effective at higher doses.

The FDA is requiring Biogen to conduct a follow-up study. The research Biogen submitted so far doesn't give doctors as much insight as they would normally have into a drug, said Dr. Brendan Kelley, a neurologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Its experts are still reviewing Aduhelm.

Biogen's pricing for Aduhelm is "irresponsible and unconscionable," according to signs posted on office doors for The Neurology Center, a Washington, D.C.-area practice. The signs also refer to Aduhelm as a medication "of dubious effectiveness" and tell Biogen sales reps they are no longer welcomed in the center's offices.

A Biogen spokeswoman said it was disappointing that some centers are denying access to the drug. As for Aduhelm's effectiveness, company data shows that plaque removal "is reasonably likely to predict a clinical benefit," said Biogen Chief Medical Officer Dr. Maha Radhakrishnan. She said regulators reviewed data from more than 3,000 patients, counting two late-stage studies and earlier research.

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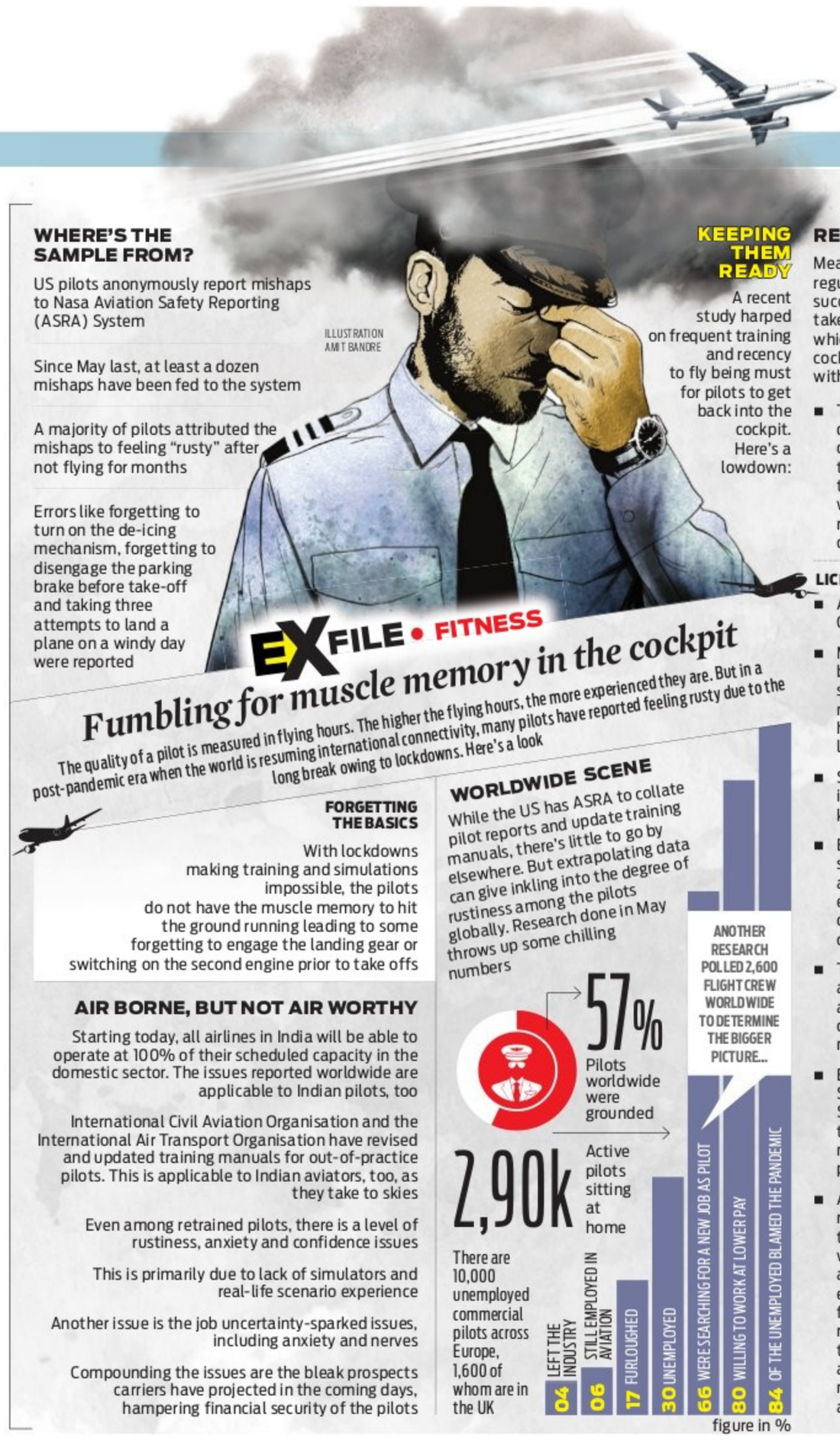
Sign outside The Neurology Center, Washington, DC



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EXFILE • FITNESS

Fumbling for muscle memory in the cockpit

The quality of a pilot is measured in flying hours. The higher the flying hours, the more experienced they are. But in a post-pandemic era when the world is resuming international connectivity, many pilots have reported feeling rusty due to the long break owing to lockdowns. Here's a look

WHERE'S THE SAMPLE FROM?

US pilots anonymously report mishaps to Nasa Aviation Safety Reporting (ASRA) System

Since May last, at least a dozen mishaps have been fed to the system

A majority of pilots attributed the mishaps to feeling "rusty" after not flying for months

Errors like forgetting to turn on the de-icing mechanism, forgetting to disengage the parking brake before take-off and taking three attempts to land a plane on a windy day were reported

KEEPING THEM READY

A recent study harped on frequent training and recency to fly being must for pilots to get back into the cockpit. Here's a lowdown:

RECENCY:

Means complying with regulations that pilots should successfully carry out three takeoffs and landings -- one of which should be by using the cockpit's autoland facility -- within the previous 90 days

- To qualify for flying both at daytime and night-time, commercial pilots also need to perform three night-time take-offs and landings within the 90 days Besides recency, there are annual checks as well:

LICENSE PROFICIENCY CHECK

- An Operational Proficiency Check every six months
- Most of these checks could be conducted in a 'D level' simulator. These are the most realistic and offer the highest definition and lifelike responses
- Simulators are also important to help pilots keep their skills sharp
- But for that to happen, simulators need to be available. In the UK, for example, many facilities offering simulators are closed due to lockdown
- There is also the issue of the availability of instructors and examiners to conduct checks. A co-pilot also needs to be present
- Expense is an issue, too. Simulator time costs around $300 to $400 an hour, and that's without the necessary associated personnel
- Additionally, there are regular fire and smoke training requirements, where pilots have to go into a smoke-filled aircraft and evacuate it. There are also first aid courses and crew resource management training, which involves assessing how crew members work together as a team

FORGETTING THE BASICS

With lockdowns making training and simulations impossible, the pilots do not have the muscle memory to hit the ground running leading to some forgetting to engage the landing gear or switching on the second engine prior to take offs

AIR BORNE, BUT NOT AIR WORTHY

Starting today, all airlines in India will be able to operate at 100% of their scheduled capacity in the domestic sector. The issues reported worldwide are applicable to Indian pilots, too

International Civil Aviation Organisation and the International Air Transport Organisation have revised and updated training manuals for out-of-practice pilots. This is applicable to Indian aviators, too, as they take to skies

Even among retrained pilots, there is a level of rustiness, anxiety and confidence issues

This is primarily due to lack of simulators and real-life scenario experience

Another issue is the job uncertainty-sparked issues, including anxiety and nerves

Compounding the issues are the bleak prospects carriers have projected in the coming days, hampering financial security of the pilots

WORLDWIDE SCENE

While the US has ASRA to collate pilot reports and update training manuals, there's little to go by elsewhere. But extrapolating data can give inkling into the degree of rustiness among the pilots globally. Research done in May throws up some chilling numbers

57% Pilots worldwide were grounded

2,90k Active pilots sitting at home

There are 10,000 unemployed commercial pilots across Europe, 1,600 of whom are in the UK

ANOTHER RESEARCH POLLED 2,600 FLIGHT CREW WORLDWIDE TO DETERMINE THE BIGGER PICTURE...

Pearl of an origin idea from Andaman scientist

STUDY

NEW DELHI: AFTER achieving breakthroughs in pearl culture like developing world's biggest black pearl and even in the shape of Lord Ganesha, Andaman and Nicobar-based independent scientist Ajai Kumar Sonkar on Sunday said his latest research finding that 'pearl is not a result of foreign body reaction in oyster' has scope to transform the global pearl culture industry.

Sonkar's finding -- from his research study 'Tissue culture in marine oysters' -- has overturned the age-old belief held by most scientists that pearl was formed when a foreign substance gets stuck between the Oyster's internal organ called mantle and its shell.

And oyster produces a substance called nacre -- crystalline material made of calcium carbonate and an organic protein called conchiolin -- for creating the shell and the same it uses for covering the foreign matter, thereby forming a pearl. Thus, pearl is formed as part of a biological process within the oyster. But in cultured pearls, small foreign substances are manually inserted in the mantle of oysters to produce pearls. Speaking to PTI, Sonkar said, "Earlier in many global conferences and papers, I used to say that pearls are a result of a foreign-body reaction. But it is wrong. My latest research has revealed this." The research revealed the mantle's natural characteristic is to release calcium carbonate and it does not secrete this only when a foreign substance enters in it, he said.

Sonkar (48) conducted the research in an artificial environment at a tissue culture and cell biology facility located at Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh for 18 months till September 2021.

"The fragments of mantle tissue of marine oysters Pinctada margaritifera were transported from Andaman Islands to Prayaraj about 2,000 km away from Andaman sea. Throughout transport, suitable osmolarity and alkalinity were maintained in the culture medium," he said.

Going forward, Sonkar said he will expand his research work in tissue pearl culture in other marine species and develop pearls in different shapes and colour.

Sunken veteran of two World Wars found

HISTORY

THE U.S. Coast Guard said on Thursday that it had located one of the most famous shipwrecks, the 'legendary' U.S. Revenue Cutter Bear, after two decades of looking for it.

She was found 90 miles due south of Cape Sable, Nova Scotia, NOAA Ocean Exploration wrote in a post. The military ship was part of both World Wars, patrolled the waters off Alaska for decades and at one point was captained by the first black man to command a US government vessel.

The wreck was initially located in 2019, but it was not until August when experts looked at the evidence to conclude they are 'reasonably certain' that the wreck is in fact the Bear, which sank in March 1963. The legend of the Bear is so ingrained in Coast Guard lore that the sports teams at the Coast Guard Academy are named the Bears.

SIENE OF CRIME

The Pont Neuf bridge on river Siene in Paris illuminated in red after a ceremony to commemorate the repression of an Oct 17, 1961, demonstration during which at least 120 Algerians were killed during a protest to support Algerian independence | AFP

FACT OF THE MATTER

Film crew back from space

SPACE

A Soyuz space capsule carrying a cosmonaut and two Russian filmmakers has landed after a 3 1/2-hour trip from the International Space Station. The capsule, descending under a red-and-white striped parachute after entering Earth's atmosphere, landed upright in the steppes of Kazakhstan on schedule at 0435 GMT Sunday with Oleg Novitskiy, Yulia Peresild and Klim Shipenko aboard. Actress Peresild and film director Shipenko rocketed to the space station on Oct. 5 for a 12-day stint to film segments of a movie titled *Challenge* in which a surgeon played by Peresild rushes to the space station to save a crew member who needs an urgent operation in the orbit. Novitskiy is to star as the ailing cosmonaut in the movie.

Mt Vesuvius' eruption saga

HISTORY

Skeletal remains of the 'last fugitive' who died a horrific death during the Mount Vesuvius eruption in 79 CE have been unearthed in what was once the city of Herculaneum - an event researchers say is a 'sensational discovery.' Archaeologists believe the man was between 40 to 45 years old and may have been a fugitive who escaped from a ship. The skeleton was found in the same area where remains of more than 300 fugitives had sought cover with hopes of being rescued by the ship fleet of Pliny Elder were found some 25 years ago. The remains paint a picture of that disastrous event – the man's head was smashed from a roof beam and his bones were colored a bright red from 'the imprint left by the victim's blood.'

WONDERKID

Indian-origin girl recites value of Pi to 1,560 decimal places

EDUCATION

SINGAPORE: SIX-YEAR-OLD Indian-origin Ishani Shanmugam broke Singapore's national record for most digits of Pi memorised by reciting 1,560 decimal places. Sitting in her living room on October 13, Ishani calmly recited the digits in about 10 minutes, with personnel from the *Singapore Book of Records* verifying them.

Her mother, Vennila Munusamy (36) told *The Straits Times* on Saturday that her heart was pounding during the event. The housewife said, "But Ishani was so calm and collected. (The people from *Singapore Book of Records*) were asking her if she was nervous, but she said, I'm so excited, we can start now." In September last year, Ishani, who attends PCF Sparkletots (Kindergarten), could recite 409 digits of Pi. But she told her parents she wanted to learn more digits.

Her father, Shanmugam V S, 42 said he and his wife started her training in April by introducing a few new digits each day. "We're really proud of her. We didn't expect her to get it on the first try as she had to get every single digit correct," he said. Vennila said she and her husband realised Ishani had an exceptional memory and a hunger for learning when she was two. She said, "Ishani was able to read story books by herself - it was always one after another without stopping. We would show her flash cards of country flags and she would memorise all 195 of them.

Ishani Shanmugham with her parents

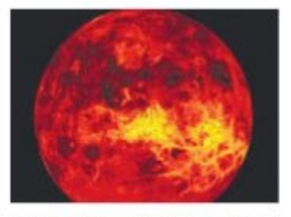
"Then we realised she had an interest in science and geography. She would grasp the details of geographical TV programmes." Shanmugam said, "We never pushed her to do anything, we just want to hone her interests and we'll help her out in whatever she wants to pursue." Ishani's latest hobby is playing the piano but this does not mean she has moved on from her Pi endeavours.

Vennila added, "She wants to learn even more Pi digits now, to add more digits to her record." She beat memory trainers Sancy Suraj, who held the previous record with 1,505 digits in 2018. The current Guinness World Record is held by Rajveer Meena, who as a 21-year-old in 2015, recited 70,000 digits at the VIT University in India. *PTI*

Venus was too hot to support life

SPACE

It is still a mystery as to whether water has ever condensed on the surface of Venus because the planet — which is now completely dry — has undergone global resurfacing events that obscure most of its history. According to new research, however, it appears unlikely — which would also cast doubt on whether Earth's nearest neighbour could ever have hosted life. A team of astrophysicists from Switzerland created a climate model to replicate the conditions on a young Venus and found It suggests that the temperature of Venus' atmosphere never decreased enough for water to condense and, subsequently, for rain to fall and oceans to form.



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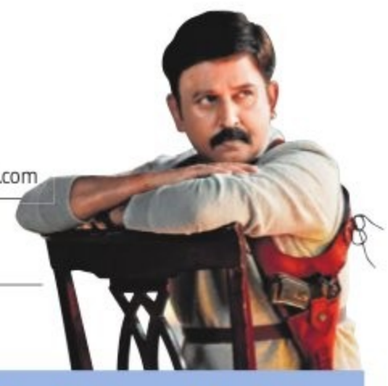

DAY'S DIARY

Constitutional act

The constitutional act on the State Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan was approved and adopted by the Supreme Council on this day in 1991

INDEPENDENCE DAY

On December 29, 1991, independence was affirmed by a nationwide referendum when the Soviet Union officially ceased to exist. October 18 has been celebrated as Independence Day since 1992

IN POWER

The Communist Party of Azerbaijan retained its power until 1992. Ayaz Mutalibov was elected as president. He was overthrown by Azerbaijan Popular Front's Abulfez Elchibey

THE NEW LEADER

Elchibey was then overthrown in June 1993 by Heydar Aliyev, a former KGB official and leader of the Azerbaijani Communist Party, who had adopted the Azerbaijani nationalism

Shivaji Surathkal 2 shooting from Nov 4

PG 4

Scuba divers from Dive Goa

DEEP DIVE

Move aside Maldives, Bengalureans are scuba diving closer home at Murdeshwar, Goa, Puducherry and the Andaman Islands

ANILA KURIAN

A popular getaway during pre-pandemic times was to exotic islands to scuba dive. But Covid changed that with borders to tourists closed for extended periods. However, enthusiastic divers are now exploring paces within the country — Goa, Andaman Islands, Murdeshwar and Chennai. From taking beginners classes at dive centres in the city to completing certification courses in the open sea, the activity has been taken up by many.

The work-from-home option and the luxury of working remotely has enabled Bengalureans to take interest in scuba diving. Speaking to *CE*, owner of Dive Goa, Ajay Patil, says that many Bengalureans were in Goa for a vacation to learn scuba diving, with some of them even having shifted base to Goa during the work-from-home tenure. "Here, there are diving classes every day. In Murdeshwar, it's mostly on weekends as the travelling crowd is more during that time," he says.

It's a four-day certification course, with two days of theory and two days of practise in the open water, after which ones gets a PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) certificate, allowing them to dive upto 18 metres in the ocean.

Students practising the underwater activity at Dive India

According to Govind Kumar, owner and head instructor of Wild Blue Diving India, people assumed that international spots were best for diving so far, but the lockdown has changed that perception. He finds Puducherry, Chennai and Thoothukudi to be popular spots."Compared to the pre-pandemic times, we've been seeing more parents with teenagers come into dive. Since we are located in the south of Tamil Nadu, most of them stop by for a few days, train in scuba diving and head back to city life," he says.

Speaking to *CE* from the Andaman Islands, Vidit D, instructor at Dive India, says, "As foreigners have been restricted to come into the country, we've seen a rise in more Indians taking interest in diving. It's a fun activity, especially since people are fed up of staying home. They get to have a vacation away from the mainland, experience the ocean water and also get trained to dive anywhere in the world," he says.

As Dive India has a centre in the city, many have been taking the introductory course here and then heading to the Islands to complete the course. "Chennai and Dwarka have been the other locations within India that people have been showing an interest to dive in," Vidit adds.

There are also some who aren't getting a diving certificate but show interest in scuba diving as a one-off activity. Grant Nelson, operations manager of Planet Scuba, explains that one can opt for introductory classes just to be able to scuba dive for a day. "It's a one-day activity if they want to scuba dive for the experience. However, for the certification course, they need to spend a few days clearing the theory exam and then the open-water course," says Nelson, pointing out that Goa, Lakshadweep, Puducherry or the Maldives are the go-to spots for PADI licences.

A diver from Planet Scuba

Most people assume that places like the Maldives and the Andaman Islands are the best spots to go, but we have some great places to explore within Karnataka too

- **Ajay Patil, dive instructor**

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are

GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday.

The first prize winner this week will win a complimentary voucher worth ₹2,000 Old Madras Baking Company**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1. The Black Pearl 2. Gufha. 3. Sahib Sindh Sultan

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1. Dwarakanath Srinivas
2. Radha M
3. Kumar A

***Conditions apply**

Role reversal

Just as *The Intern* is being remade in Hindi, B'luru companies are offering paid internships to seniors in different sectors

SANATH PRASAD

LONELINESS, an eerie silence and stress: senior citizens have been through an emotional ride during the pandemic. To keep them engaged, many Bengaluru-based companies are making room to include seniors in their internship programmes in sectors like IT, real estate, law, among others. Interestingly, this comes at a time when the Hollywood film *The Intern* is being remade in Hindi and will star Amitabh Bachchan and Bengaluru girl Deepika Padukone.

For example, Origami Creative, a marketing agency in Bengaluru, launched a campaign called *GrandAdventure* recently to bridge the gap between seniors and organisations. Laeeq Ali, founder of the agency, believes that the pandemic has left many seniors devastated, mentally. "We know a lot of talented senior citizens who are idle at home. We wanted to create a revenue space for them and came up with the idea of paid internships. We have received over 50 entries and are sending them to various companies in different verticals, construction, hospitality, IT, law firms, etc. We want to collaborate with more companies in the coming days as we have received a good response from senior citizens towards this initiative," says Ali, who is also the president of The Advertising Club Bangalore.

Maaz Dawood, owner of Monarch Groups, a construction company, says, "From the entries we have received so far, all of them have rich experience in the fields of real estate, engineering and architecture. We will be hiring two of them for our upcoming project on Old Madras Road, which has 425 apartments. We want their expertise in understanding what kind of amenities are required for seniors and the differently-abled," he says, adding, "It will be more of a consultancy and advisory role with the option to work from home. For the one-month internship, we will pay anywhere between ₹30,000 to ₹40,000."

A poster from the Hindi film *The Intern*

Kiran Sivdas, co-founder of Enventure, a supply chain solutions company, has received 10 applications from seniors from different cities and have selected one candidate from Bengaluru for the internship. The company is expected to short-list other candidates in the months to come. "We are not looking at any particular skill set; we are open to offering them internships depending upon their area of expertise. The roles and responsibilities include content writing, branding and marketing." says Sivdas, who is open to extending the internship of the candidate based on their performances.

Feeling that seniors have been "ignored" during the pandemic, Santosh Singh, business head for south India of Fox Mandal, a law firm based in Bengaluru, says, "We are offering seniors the role of supporting an internal team with content development; we are not looking for a candidate with a legal background. This sort of initiative was long overdue."

For details visit the Instagram page Origami Creative.

Pic credits: Origami Creative

Starry Yellow

Actor **Megha Shetty** posed, decked out in a pretty yellow lehenga and a number of colourful motifs on her dupatta. She captioned the picture, "Be the vibe that spreads kindness and peace," finishing it off with a sparkly star emoji.

Calling themselves 'Book Doctors', this startup offers a hyper-personalised corporate reading programme, with book recommendations, home delivery and other allied activities

READING BETWEEN THE LINES

EXPRESS FEATURES

WITH a plethora of options to choose from in the book space, zeroing-in on a book that really interests you could be quite a challenge. Which is where these 'Book Doctors' intervene. MyBookWorks is a Bengaluru-based startup that aims to provide a hyper-personal reading programme to corporates to boost the personal and professional development of employees.

Founded by IT professionals Deepthi Rajan, Prayukth KV and Nitin Saxena, the birth of MyBookWorks took place following the downward trend in the reading habit among working professionals. The startup 'diagnoses' the preference of the reader based on which a personalised set of books are recommended and home delivered. "The reader will be asked to fill out a questionnaire that helps us understand and assess the kind of books they would like to read. "As Book Doctors we offer a one-on-one reading clinic services that are hyper-personalised. We have conversations with the reader about their individual preferences. From books related to personal finance to personal development, we ascertain what they think they want to what they really want," says Rajan.

The startup has a warehouse in Bengaluru that houses over 1,500 books related to biographies, personal finance, personal development, leadership, management, and books based on positivity, profit, growth, among others. According to an assessment by the founders, following the pandemic, people wanted to read stories of optimism and hope. For corporates, the startup provides two sets of services – recommending books only to those who are outside Bengaluru and recommending books and doorstep delivery to those in Bengaluru. "We also have common services like reading contests, quiz, readership connect that are bundled along with the main services," adds Rajan.

According to Prayukth, the reader will be charged only for the services and not the book. "Whether the book is priced at ₹400 or ₹1,500, the reader will be charged only for the 'hyper-personalised' services, and not the book. One user can also buy multiple books at a time. The startup is attempting to enforce and regain the reading culture, which otherwise was fading away due to distractions like OTT, social media etc," says Prayukth, who also notices that working professionals are making the time to read.

"We connected with some of the new-age readers during the onboarding sessions with the corporates. We understood that there was a void and also an opportunity for readers to carve out time from their worklife to read books," says Prayukth, who has, so far, got over 300 readers on board.

For more details, visit MyBookWorks website.

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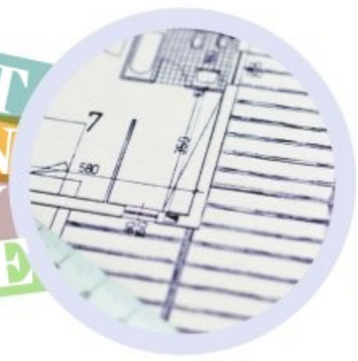


FAIR BUILDING

Acetech, an exhibition showcasing architecture and interior design, will be held over the coming weekend. One of the largest architectural trade fairs in Asia, the exhibition will be held at the Palace Grounds, Bengaluru.
When: Oct 22 - 24
Details: bookmyshow.com

SHEIKH DONGRI

Actor and comedian Sumaira Shaikh will be performing at the Boho Rooftop Restaurant and Bar. The comedian will be performing her hour-and-a-half long stand-up show 'Dongri Danger'.
When: Oct 23
Details: bookmyshow.com

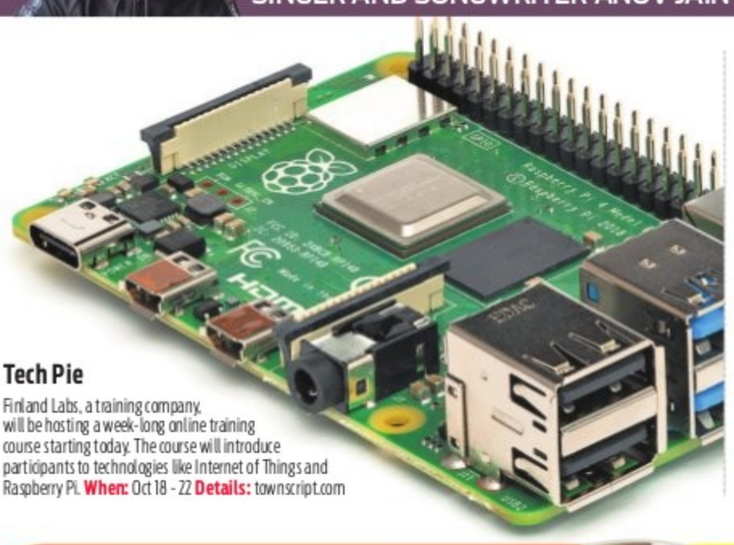
BLUESY EVENING

Comedy Bandar, a Bengaluru stand-up comedy production, will be curating a Weekend Blues comedy show this Wednesday. The show will feature a host of seasoned Bengaluru comics.
When: Oct 20 onwards
Details: bookmyshow.com

FORGOTTEN STYLE

Textile revivalist Bela Shanghvi will be in conversation with activist Chandra Jain and entrepreneur Yashodhara Shroff speaking about the significance of the Patola of Patan. The style, a double-ikat silk textile, is only practiced by a handful of weavers.
When: Oct 18 **Details:** bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

SINGER AND SONGWRITER ANUV JAIN WILL BE PERFORMING LIVE AT UB CITY, VITTAL MALLYA ROAD **WHEN:** OCT 22 **DETAILS:** INSIDER.IN



Tech Pie

Finland Labs, a training company, will be hosting a week-long online training course starting today. The course will introduce participants to technologies like Internet of Things and Raspberry Pi. **When:** Oct 18 - 22 **Details:** townscript.com

Bullet Time Management

Agalya G S, a facilitator and illustrator, will be hosting an online workshop on bullet journaling. The workshop aims to teach participants how to organise themselves by tracking the past, aligning the present and planning the future. **When:** Oct 23 **Details:** townscript.com

Make Your Own Soap

Want to learn how to make natural soaps and bath products at home using your own ingredients? An online DIY organic bath and body products is being organised by BitClass, an teaching platform, where they'll cover the basics and processes of soap making.
When: Ongoing **Details:** insider.in

The Salt March

A session featuring a slide show by photographer and the co-author of *23 Grams of Salt*, Anuj Ambalal focusing on the histories of the Salt March sites, will be held this Wednesday. It will be followed by a conversation with filmmaker Navroze Contractor.
When: Oct 20
Details: bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com

CRACKLING MUSHROOM

INGREDIENTS

- **Whole pepper:** 2 tsp ■ **Whole jeera:** 1 tsp ■ **Dried red chillies:** 2 large
- **Whole cumin, Whole coriander:** 1/2 tsp ■ **Mushroom:** 300 g
- **Onion, Tomato:** 1 ■ **Spinach:** 1 cup ■ **Ginger-garlic paste:** 1 tbsp

METHOD

- Grind all whole ingredients. Shallow-fry tomatoes and onions in a pan.
- Add ginger-garlic paste, cook till the raw smell disappears. Add the powder made earlier and cook for a minute. Add the mushrooms and dried red chillies.
- Cook the mushrooms on a high flame till done. Fry the spinach separately and combine both. Serve immediately.

— Shreya Mathew, New Delhi

SOUND BOARD

CANCELLED
The latest show from Broccoli Content takes a shot at 'cancel culture' with some tongue-in-cheek monologues about the biggest cancellations in recent years.
- On Apple Podcast

SPECTACLE
Mariah Smith's sharp abbreviated survey of the history of reality television, starting with the progenitor of the genre, the 1970s PBS docuseries 'An American Family'.
- On Apple Podcast

EAR HUSTLE
Ear Hustle shares the everyday stories of those currently living inside of San Quentin State Prison, as well as the formerly incarcerated.
- On Apple Podcast

MAINTENANCE PHASE
This podcast, which takes a chainsaw to questionable health fads and cultural ideas, covered considerable ground in its first 12 months, hitting subjects ranging from the body mass index and the many sins of Dr Oz.
- On Apple Podcast

BUT IS IT FUNNY?
Each week, the Guardian's Brian Logan and one of our contributors, Suchandrika Chakrabarti, talk about what's happening in stand-up, just why we find things funny
- On Spotify

SCRIPT APART
Ever wondered how your favourite films go from being a load of words on a page to the finished article you see up on the screen? Script Apart speaks to the writers of some of cinema's biggest hits to discover the origin stories behind movies
- On Apple Podcast

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

SATYA HARISHCHANDRA
King Harishchandra gives away his kingdom, his family and becomes a slave as repayment for disrupting Vishwamitra's penance. Despite the difficulties the king faces, he remains virtuous and truthful.
- Cast: Rajkumar, Pandari Bai, Rajasree, Udaykumar

BANGARADA MANUSHYA
When Shivraj, a wealthy businessman living in London, learns how his father led an agricultural revolution to save the farmers, he returns to India to help them again.
- Cast: Vidhya, Shiva Rajkumar, Sadhu Kokila, Sharath Lohitashwa

CHANDRA
Princess Chandramathi falls in love with the music teacher Chandrahasa. However, she unwillingly gets engaged to Arya and attempts to speak to her lover about her feelings for him.
- Cast: Vivek, Shriya Saran, Prem Kumar, Srinath

VARSHA
Sathya, after the loss of his mother and father's arrest, brings up his seven sisters like a father. But a villainous character from his father's past turns the siblings against each other.
- Cast: Vishnuvardhan, Manya, Anu Prabhakar, Ramesh Aravind

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 HOW I STOPPED THE TALIBAN FROM SHUTTING DOWN MY SCHOOL BY SAKENA YACOOBI
When the Taliban closed all the girls' schools in Afghanistan, Sakena Yacoobi set up new schools. She tells the jaw-dropping story of two times when she was threatened to stop teaching.

2 HOW CLIMATE CHANGE COULD MAKE OUR FOOD LESS NUTRITIOUS BY KRISTIE EBI
Rising carbon levels in the atmosphere can make plants grow faster, but there's another hidden consequence: they rob plants of the nutrients and vitamins we need to survive. In a talk about global food security, epidemiologist Kristie Ebi explores the potentially massive health consequences of this growing nutrition crisis.

3 LEAD LIKE THE GREAT CONDUCTORS BY ITAY TALGAM
An orchestra conductor faces the ultimate leadership challenge: creating perfect harmony without saying a word. In this charming talk, Itay Talgam demonstrates the unique styles of six great 20th-century conductors, illustrating crucial lessons for all leaders.

4 3 WAYS TO UPGRADE DEMOCRACY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY BY MAX RASHBROOKE
Democracy needs an update — one that respects and engages citizens by involving them in everyday political decisions, says writer and researcher Max Rashbrooke. He outlines three global success stories that could help move democratic systems forward and protect society against the new challenges this century is already bringing.

5 THE LANGUAGE OF BEING HUMAN BY POET ALI
You speak far more languages than you realize, says Poet Ali. In a profound talk, he reveals how the idea of "language" goes far beyond a lexicon of words, communicating universal experiences like love, laughter and loneliness — and serving as a portal to cultures, feelings and thoughts that unite us all.

FIT BIT

FOREARM PLANK POSE

(PHALAKASANA FOREARM VARIATION)

This is an isometric exercise that can aid your other activities as it focuses on spinal strengthening and stabilisation by working your core muscles. This will help you flow effortlessly into most yoga asanas while strengthening your arms, shoulders, back and core. It can help you build body and mental strength. It helps to open Ajna (third eye) chakra and activates the Manipura (solar plexus) chakra.

STEPS

- Assume a push-up position, align your shoulders over your wrists. Then, drop down to your elbows and rest on your forearms. Keep your arms in parallel position and turn your palms down. Extend your legs behind you.
- Push the back of your thighs toward the ceiling and balance on your feet balls.
- Press through your shoulders to dome your upper back. This will protect your joints.
- Avoid arching your lower back, pull in your belly to engage your core. A strong core will stabilise your back. Squeeze your glutes.
- Then, keep your legs straight to engage your hamstrings and quads.
- Now, push through your heels to further activate your leg muscles. Isometrically pull your elbows toward your toes.
- Take deep breaths to oxygenate your muscles so that they can work hard to hold your body in a static position.
- You can alternate between holding and resting for 10-30 seconds.
- You can repeat three to five times.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens the spine to keep you from hunching over while standing or sitting.
- Stronger core muscles help protect your spine and do other forms of exercises safely.
- Regular practice creates a base for other movements.
- Holding the breath tones the nervous system. It promotes feelings of inner strength, spiritual alignment and balance.
- Improves digestion and blood circulation.

LIMITATIONS

- People suffering from carpal tunnel syndrome, low and high blood pressure should avoid this.
- People with sislocated or injured shoulder should not practice this asana.
- Those who suffer from weak eye capillaries, diarrhoea, and detached retina, avoid this.
- Pregnant women should not practise it.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

UDANPIRAPPE (Tamil)
A woman tries to establish peace in her family when her husband and her brother have an intense difference of opinion over the efficacy of the justice system.
Cast: Jyothika, M Sasikumar, Samuthirakani, Soori
- Available on: Amazon Prime Video

SEETHARAAM BENOY (Kannada)
An inspector posted to a rural forested area becomes intrigued with the series of strange robberies and crimes in his jurisdiction and is determined to get to the root of it.
Cast: Vijay Raghavendra, Akshatha, Shreeharsha Ninasam, Nagaraj
- Available on: Amazon Prime Video

BHOOMI (Tamil)
Bhoominathan, a NASA scientist, returns to his drought-affected village in Tamil Nadu and decides to fight against the evil corporates and corrupt politicians responsible for the plight of his people.
Cast: Jayam Ravi and Nidhhi Agerwal, Ronit Roy
- Available on: Disney+ Hotstar

THALAIVI (Hindi)
Following Jayalalithaa's inspiring life journey as she arrives as a young actress in the Tamil film industry. She reaches superstar status and eventually becomes Thalaivi — a powerful figure in the world of politics.
Cast: Kangana Ranaut, Arvind Swami
- Available on: Netflix

ANNABELLE SETHUPATHI (Tamil)
Rudra, a small-time burglar gets into a palace full of ghosts. Along with the ghost, she finds out the mystery about the owner of the palace — Annabelle Sethupathi.
Cast: Vijay Sethupathi, Taapsee Pannu, Jagapathi Babu, Yogi Babu
- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

CRIME STORIES: INDIA DETECTIVES (Kannada)
Cameras following Bengaluru police on the job offer a glimpse into the inner workings of four major crime investigations.
Cast: Bengaluru police
- Available on: Netflix

SARDAR UDHAM (Hindi)
The story traces the life of Sardar Udham Singh, a revolutionary freedom fighter who assassinated Michael O'Dwyer in London, to take revenge for 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre in Amritsar.
Cast: Vicky Kaushal, Shaun Scott, Stephen Hogan
- Available on: Amazon Prime Video

ENGLISH

LITTLE THINGS (Series)
A cohabitating couple in their 20s navigates the ups and downs of work, modern-day relationships and finding themselves in contemporary Mumbai.
Cast: Dhruv Sehgal, Mithila Palkar
- Available on: Netflix

YOU (Series)
What would you do for love? For a brilliant male bookstore manager who crosses paths with an aspiring female writer, this question is put to the test. A charming yet awkward crush becomes something even more sinister when the writer becomes the manager's obsession.
Cast: Penn Badgley, Elizabeth Lail, Awsten Knight
- Available on: Netflix

BLACK WIDOW
Natasha Romanoff, a former KGB spy, is shocked to find out that her ex handler, General Dreykov, is still alive. While evading capture by Taskmaster, she is forced to confront her dark past.
Cast: Scarlett Johansson, Florence Pugh, David Harbour, O-T Fagbenle
- Available on: Disney+ Hotstar

I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (Series)
Teenagers are stalked by a mysterious killer, a year after a fatal accident on the night of their graduation.
Cast: Madison Iseman, Bill Heck, Brianne Tju, Ezekiel Goodman
- Available on: Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+Hotstar: ₹ 399 per month
Sony Liv: ₹ 299 per month
Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Mubi: ₹ 499 per month

This Festive Month, Get the Right RUDRAKSHA COMBINATION

The effect of the pandemic devastated families around the world, and many who believed in the natural remedial measures looked up to Rudraksha, the wonder bead, to bring relief from anxiety and ushering in confidence, health, wealth and positivity.

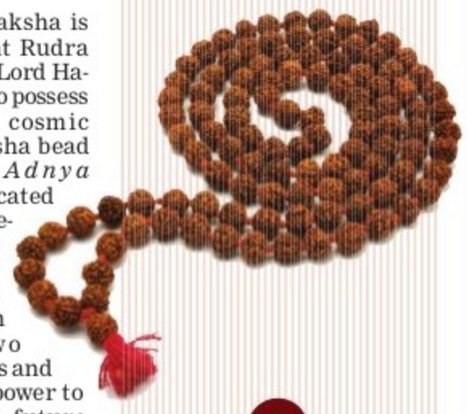
Rudraksha is a natural bead, and according to ancient scriptures, has phenomenal powers. The area of its maximum effectiveness is dependent on the facets or faces it has.

"While we discuss about wealth and richness, we must understand that by and large wealth accumulation is found with people in power, businesses and positions of authority. Astrologically, the positions are further linked to planets, sun, rahu and Ketu (Rahu and Ketu denote the points of intersection of the paths of the Sun and the Moon as they move on the celestial sphere) and Saturn," says Arvind P Bankaar from Rudrajyoothi, a firm which sources original Rudraksha and was formed with an objective to spread awareness and knowledge about the properties, power, and efficacy of the much renowned yet mystical bead.

MANY FACES

- A 12 faceted Rudraksha is said to rule subconscious mind, making it free from disturbances.
- A 14 faceted Rudraksha is mentioned in ancient Rudra Purana as blessed by Lord Hanuman. It is believed to possess powers to rule the cosmic world. "This Rudraksha bead activates *Adnya Chakra* located on the forehead and exactly between the two eyebrows and bestows power to visualise future in advance for correct decisions. Ruled by Planet Saturn, it overpowers all negative energies and even malefic effects of *Kaal Sarpa* yoga. Wearing this Rudraksha protects the wearer from any negative aspects of Saturn," says Bankaar.
- A 15,16 faceted Rudraksha is the symbol of Lord Pashupatinath and Lord Rama. "With immense energy levels this bead brings mastery, control and balance. This is related to spirituality as well. Activation of 6th sense and decisive abilities and protection from negativity spirits and bestows huge luxuries and comforts," says Bankaar.

Rudrajyoothi is one of the trusted sources of Rudraksha and based on your individual characteristics and purpose, the experts can suggest accurate combinations.



Everyone wishes to become rich but many do not find the right path to choose. One of the ways is to get blessed by the powers of Rudraksha and to continue on the path shown in the ancient scriptures. Benefitting maximum number of persons through my expertise on accurate analysis of this mystic bead is my biggest achievement.

- Arvind P Bankaar from Rudrajyoothi is a researcher and traveller with passion for Rudraksha beads. He is also interested in occult sciences and the science of Rudraksha.

Rudrajyoothi Healing Gallery
Empower Your Self

'Rudraksha is a powerful tool to take you to your desired goals'

ARVIND P BANKAAR

Rudraksha can be worn as a single bead. However, scriptures suggest that a *mala* of these beads in silver and in wool (Shiva shakthi mala: Combination of 1 to 14 Rudraksha) can bring incredible results as it purifies you inside out. This powerful Rudraksha mala is an elixir in case of any discomfort, and regular use can transform you completely as a rich person; a really powerful tool to take you to your desired goal.

A TOOL OF PERSONAL WELFARE

We have all seen people wearing Rudraksha beads on necks, wrists, and arms. And more often than not, we generalise them into the 'religious' category.

What if we were to tell you that wearing a Rudraksha is more scientific than religious, and it can help you in numerous ways to improve your overall wellbeing?!

SIGNIFICANCE

Apart from having significant spiritual importance, Rudraksha beads are also used as medicine in Ayurveda for preventive and curative practices.

Extensive studies have been carried out on various aspects of Rudraksha and its effects on the human body. It has been found that Rudraksha beads are electromagnetic in nature and when worn around the chest, they enhance and align with our own body field.

Rudraksha seeds are bipolar seeds. Higher the *Mukhi* count, higher the circles of magnetism.

Rudraksha helps in increasing the magnetic field of wearer's body as it helps in combating diseases and aging.

BENEFITS

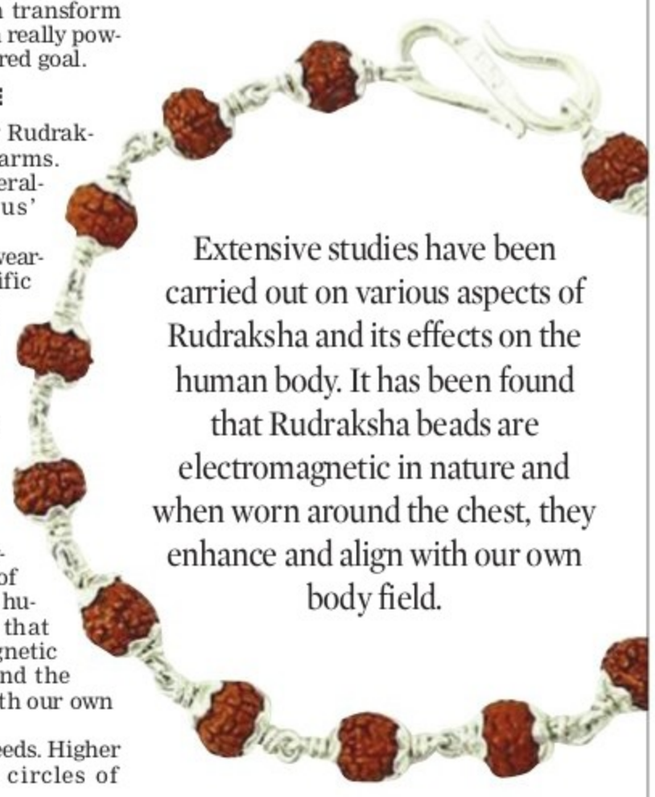
Due to the constant rubbing of the beads around the neck and the force exerted around the heart region of a person's body, Rudraksha beads help one stabilise the heart rate, prevent problems like cardiac arrest or hypertension and maintain blood circulation

Rudraksha beads can hold on to negative energies around without letting them harm us. The beads, when kept in water, make it a rich source of Vitamin C, helping improve anti-bacterial and anti-inflammatory properties in our bodies.

Since the beads are anti-bacterial and pure, these are used by devotees for chanting. Rudraksha beads also generate positive vibrations, which results in gaining emotional stability.

The beads also help control blood pressure, diabetes and are cardioprotective in nature

That is not to say that Rudraksha is only meant for making one prosperous or healthy. Look at it this way — Rudraksha makes one correctly aligned in terms of thoughts, energy, and confidence, so much so that the person ends up being prosperous on his/her own.



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GENUINE RUDRAKSHA

Traditionally, *Malas* are made available by people who held it as a sacred duty in their lives. For generations, they made a living out of it. But once the demand soared, commerce came in.

Today, in India, there is another seed called Bhadraksha which is poisonous, and grows extensively in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Both of these seeds look the same and is difficult to make out the difference. Only experts equipped with various instruments and techniques can detect the difference.

Bhadraksha should not be worn on the body, but these are being sold as authentic beads in many places. So, it is important that you get your *mala* from a trusted source. Even in the case of genuine Rudrakshas, it is advisable to choose the right Rudraksha based on one's time of birth and other factors.

1 Mukhi Rudraksha
is said to be a form of Lord Shiva himself and has the ability to bless the wearer with greater wisdom and a super consciousness.

2 Mukhi Rudraksha
is considered the 'Ardhanareeshwara' form of Lord Shiva. It is said to help bring peace, agreement and understanding.

3 Mukhi Rudraksha
is said to represent the fire god. This seed is believed to have the power to erase sins from a previous life and has the ability to offer up a clean slate.

4 Mukhi Rudraksha
is said to be associated to another form of "The Trimurti" -- Lord Brahma. So, it has power to improve memory & communication skill

5 Mukhi Rudraksha
is believed to release upon you, peace of mind, aiding in omission of negative energies from ones mental space.

6 Mukhi Rudraksha
seed gives one the ability to gather up courage, will power and overall confidence, enabling to take on any challenge.

7 Mukhi Rudraksha
is associated with Goddess Mahalakshmi and offers benefits of increased potential to obtain wealth and create new opportunities.

8 Mukhi Rudraksha
is associated with Lord Ganesha. It is believed to offer supernatural ability to overcome all obstacles in our lives and bring success.

9 Mukhi Rudraksha
If mental and spiritual power is what you lack, this seed can help. This seed has long been associated to Maa Durga.

Gaurishankar Rudraksha
Gaurishankar Rudraksha is a combination of two Rudraksha, which are naturally attached, thus expressing union and bond. You receive the blessing from Lord Shiva and Mata Parvati when you wear Gaurishankar Rudraksha.

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10 Mukhi Rudraksha
If you are plagued by negative energies, this seed can help. Other claimed benefits include resolving land disputes & legal issues.

11 Mukhi Rudraksha
If you cannot meditate, this seed can help in the pacification of the adverse effects of the nine planets and reach mental peace.

12 Mukhi Rudraksha
Associated to sun god, this seed can empower one with self-confidence, aiding to rule and head influential positions in life.

THE MANY FACES OF THE HOLY BEAD & SUPPOSED BENEFITS

For genuine Rudraksha beads and a free personal consultation, Visit Exhibition-cum-Sale of Rudraksha. On display are all rare Rudraksha combination including Indra Mala and Shiva Shakthi Mala, Mercury (Shivlinga, lockets, bracelets), crystal Malas, premium Incense Sticks, antique items, spiritual jewellery, etc. Free Recommendation based on date of Birth, free mala making, free analysis of your existing malas or Rudraksha, and free Rudraabhishekam (Energising your mala).

13 Mukhi Rudraksha
Associated with Indra Dev, this Rudraksha helps increase self confidence and aids in the building of one's personality.

14 Mukhi Rudraksha
This Rudraksha is the most precious, associated with Lord Shiva & Hanuman. It can pave offer immunity from sorrow.

15 Mukhi Rudraksha
It is blieved that wearing this, can help get rid of illnesses and achieve full potential of your health.

16 Mukhi Rudraksha
Also known as the Victory Rudraksha, wearing this mala can bless the user with the gift of ultimate success.

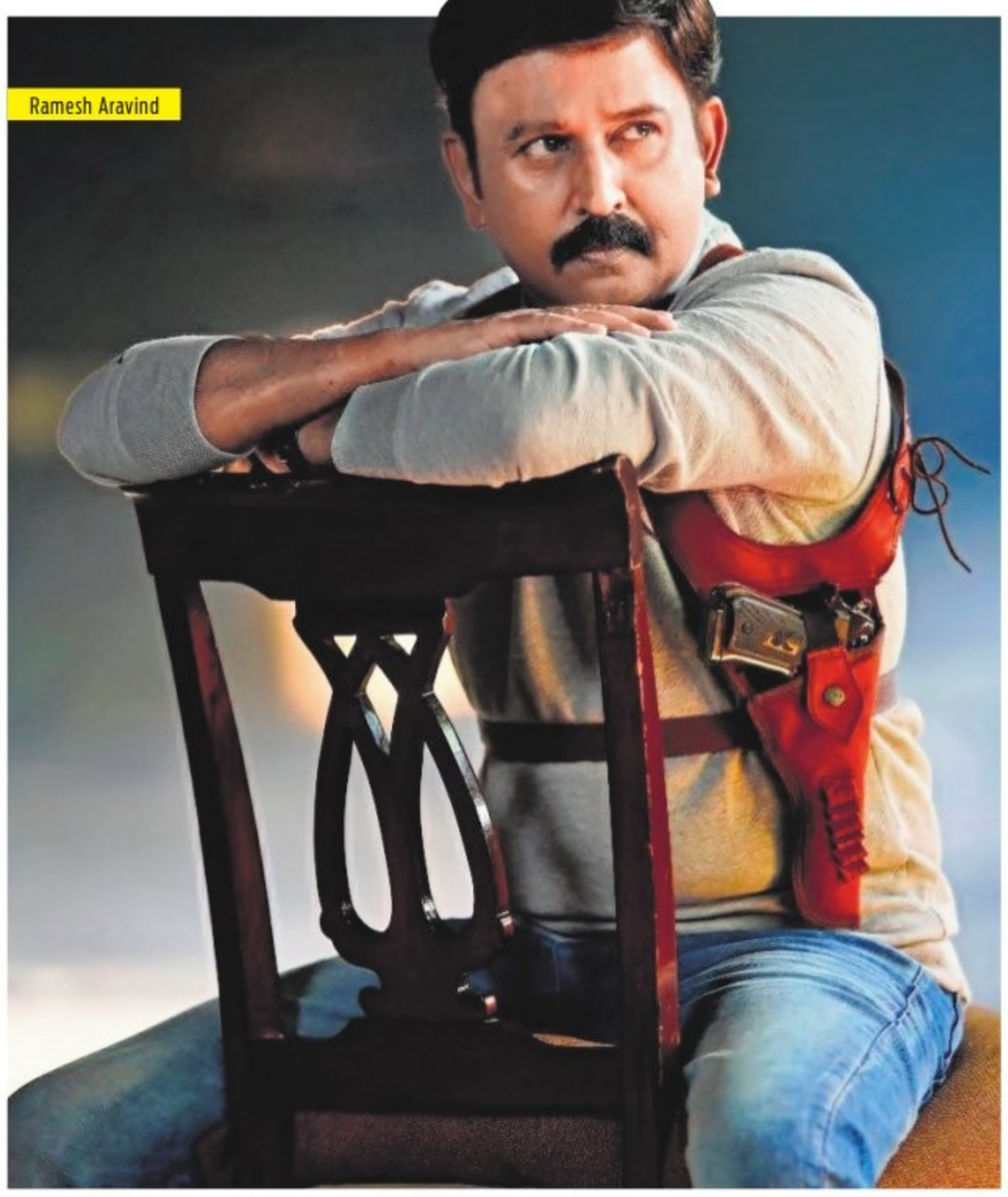
17 Mukhi Rudraksha
The wearer of this bead is said to land upon unexpected wealth by achieving tremendous success and prosperity.

18 Mukhi Rudraksha
Associated to Mother Earth, this seed is said to open new avenues in professional careers; beneficial for those in real estate business.

19 Mukhi Rudraksha
This seed is said to have the unique ability to open up all the 7 Chakras, leading to a happy and healthy life.

20 Mukhi Rudraksha
This seed is associated to Lord Brahma and has the ability to fulfil any desires of the user that bears its powers.

21 Mukhi Rudraksha
The rarest of all, this Rudraksha blesses with immense wealth and prosperity, helping in fulfilling all desires.


Ramesh Aravind

'FACING THE CAMERA, HEARING 'ACTION', GIVES ME A HIGH'

...says Ramesh Aravind, who is raring to begin shooting for Akash Srivatsa's *Shivaji Surathkal 2* from November 4

A SHARADHAA

RAMESH Aravind is raring to begin shooting for the *Shivaji Surathkal* sequel, which is set to be based on the *Mysterious Case of Mayavi*.

The shooting for the film, directed by Akash Srivatsa, is starting from November 4, and the actor says that can't wait to get on to the sets of this film. "It's been two years since I have faced the camera, and the thought of beginning to shoot has created an excitement," says Ramesh. Akash Srivatsa, who directed part 1 of the whodunit is back for the sequel too.

The 20-day first schedule will be shot in Bengaluru. "Being *Shivaji Surathkal*, a character I am already into, makes it all the more interesting," he tells us. Ramesh says that he has been a person working every day in some form or other – be it on the film sets, or a reality show, or doing some writing. "However, over the last two years, it was only table work, pre-production and lot of work to keep my mind ticking," says the actor, adding, "There is a beauty in hearing 'action' & cut, facing the camera, putting on makeup, delivering dialogues, and getting into another character – all of it give a huge high. Although I am a believer in the power of thinking, there is a beauty in our thoughts being executed, seeing it come alive on screen."

Produced by Rekha KN and Anup Gowda , the film will have Radhika Narayan, Raghu Raamanakoppa, and Vidya Murthy reprising their roles from the original. Bankrolled by Anjanadri Cine Combines, the film will have cinematography by Guruprasad MG, and the makers are in the finalisation of the rest of the cast.

Arjun Kishore Chandra first single, *Trippyana*, based on human psyche

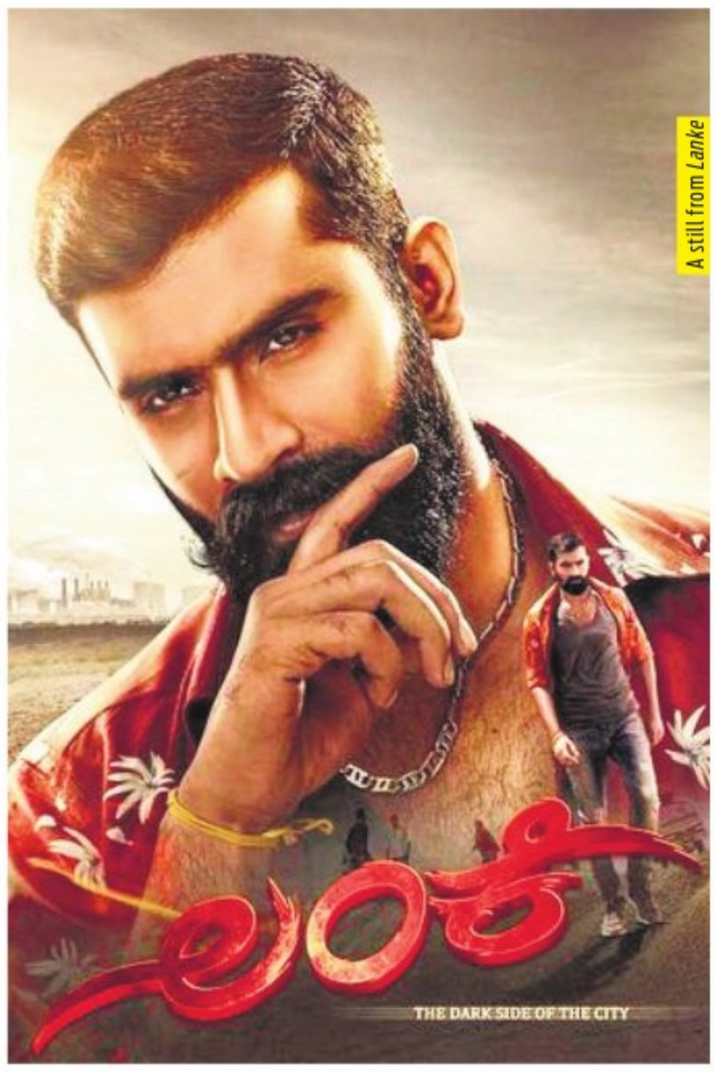
Arjun Kishore Chandra

CE FEATURES

LYRICIST-turned-actor Arjun Kishore Chandra, who made his acting debut with *Life 360*, is set to act, write and direct his first single. Titled *Trippyana*, the song was shot during the pandemic, and was released recently. Well-known rapper, SID has composed the music for *Trippyana*. The video, made under the Kraanti Creations banner, has been produced by Akhil Parameswaram and shot by DOP, Anil Kumar.

Based on the concept of tripping, the song visualises the imbalance in the human mind during uncertainties. Arjun Kishore Chandra, popularly known as AKC, who has been dubbing documentaries for various channels, recently completed shooting for his next film. He is part of the suspense thriller titled *108*, a bilingual made in Kannada and Marathi.

Lanke to be remade in Telugu



A still from *Lanke*

CE FEATURES

Yogi-starrer *Lanke*, which was among the first few films that was released during 50 per cent occupancy in the state, is now heading towards celebrating a 50-day run, especially in the Northern parts of Karnataka. The action-commercial entertainer is now all set to be remade in Telugu.

Director Ram Prasad confirmed the news with *CE*, and said that the official announcement about the production house, the cast and crew will be announced on the 50th day of *Lanke's* release. *Lanke* is based on the core message of Ramayana, and set in our contemporary world. The film also stars Krishi Thapanda as the female lead and features Kavya Shetty as the antagonist. "The Tollywood production house is keen that I direct the Telugu version of *Lanke* too. Discussions are still on," says Ram Prasad. Meanwhile, the director is getting ready for his next project. "I am working on a psychological thriller that will go on floors soon," he says.

Anu Prabhakar Mukherjee

Umashree

Shruti

RATHNAN PRAPANCHA TO FEATURE SENIOR ACTORS IN INTERESTING ROLES

CE FEATURES

Rathnan Prapancha is an upcoming travel comedy-drama set to premiere on Amazon Prime Video on October 22. The Rohit Padaki directorial, starring Dhananjay in the lead role, features an interesting cast with a handful of senior actors playing prominent roles. The film marks the return of well-known actor, Umashree, after a six-year sabbatical. She will be seen playing the mother of the character essayed by Dhananjay.

The film also features senior actors – Shruti, Anu Prabhakar Mukherjee, Ravi Shankar, and Achyuth Kumar in prominent roles. For Anu, director Rohit Padaki was the reason to accept Rathnan Prapancha. "I had missed working with Rohit in his previous film, *Dayavittu Gaminisi*. Raghu Mukherjee, my husband was a part of that film, and I enjoyed it so much. Rohit's films do not fall under a certain genre, and he has a style of making realistic cinema. So, when I got an opportunity to work with him in *Rathnan Prapancha*, I made sure not to miss the opportunity," says Anu. "This role of mine is sure to get some space in people's heart," she adds.

Rathnan Prapancha, the first venture by KRG Studios produced by Karthik Gowda and Yogi G Raj, marks the debut of Reba Monica John as the female lead while Vainidhi Jagadish will be playing a pivotal character.

Jennifer to return to *The White Lotus -2*

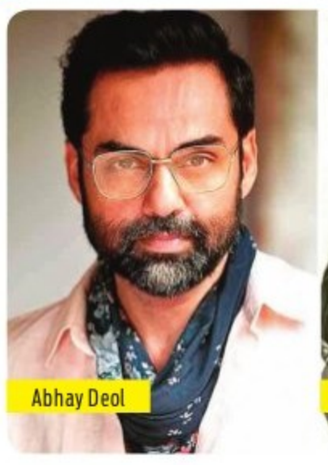
CE FEATURES

HOLLYWOOD actor Jennifer Coolidge will return to the second season of HBO's hit social satire series *The White Lotus*.

The series hails from writer, director and executive producer Mike White. The first season was set at an exclusive high-end resort, following the exploits of various guests and employees over the week. Coolidge portrayed Tanya McQuoid, a drunk, tragic middle-aged woman who books a trip to the hotel to scatter her dead mother's ashes.

The second season will leave Hawaii and will follow a largely different group of vacationers as they jet to another White Lotus property and settle in temporarily amongst its inhabitants.

Jennifer Coolidge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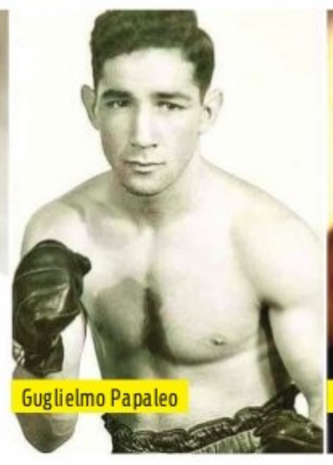
Guglielmo Papaleo

Leonardo Di Caprio

LEONARDO DICAPRIO, ABHAY DEOL COLLABORATE FOR BOXER BIOPIC

CE FEATURES

LEONARDO DiCaprio's production house Appian Way Productions is teaming up with Bollywood star Abhay Deol's Canada-based content creation company, Blisspoint Entertainment, and Singapore's Golden Ratio Films for Pep, a biopic of the legendary mid-20th century featherweight boxer Guglielmo Papaleo. Professionally known as Willie Pep, he is considered to be one of the best fighters of the 20th century. He had a 26-year-long career with nearly 2,000 rounds of boxing as a professional.

The film, set in 1965 will be centered around one of Pep's comebacks, as he finds himself riddled with debt while supporting a wife half his age and a drug addict son.

James Madio will be playing Pep's role in the film, and Keir Gilchrist will essay the role of Pep's son, Billy Junior. Ron Livingston essays the character named Bob Kaplan, who was Pep's business manager. Pep, the film, is directed by Rober Kolodny, and Steve Loff has penned its screenplay. Steve James is executive producing the film while Rober Greene will be the editor.

LAURA ONBOARD *IRON MIKE*

CE FEATURES

We had previously reported that a limited series based on the life of American boxing icon Mike Tyson was in works ar Hulu, with Trevante Rhodes set to essay the titular character. The project has now welcomed new cast members, including Laura Harrier, best known for her role in BlacKkKlansman. Harrier will play Robin Givens, Tyson's first wife.

The film also features has added Harvey Keitel, Grace Zabriskie, Olunike Adeliyi, and TJ Atoms in supporting roles. Written by I, Tonya-fame Steven Rogers and directed by Craig Gillespie, the series will follow the controversial life and career of the former world champion. Actor Margot Robbie is serving as executive producer with Mixed-ish's Karin Gist serving as showrunner and executive producer. Additionally, 20th Television's Rogers, Gist, Rhodes, Gillespie and Robbie are producing.

Laura Harrier